

**Northern Illinois University**  
**McHenry County College General Transfer Guide**  
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Transfer guides are produced as a service to MCC students. Every effort is made to maintain up-to-date and accurate information; however, this information is subject to change. Such changes take precedence over the information on this guide. Students should work with an MCC advisor and the four-year transfer school. Responsibility for complying with all applicable requirements ultimately rests with the student.

**Transfer Options**

- **Guaranteed Admission** to the University at time of transfer under following conditions: high school graduate, minimum of 24 transferable semester credit hours, minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA, general education and major-related coursework completed that is required for admission to the intended NIU baccalaureate program, good standing at community college
  - GAP does not guarantee admission to Limited Admission degree programs, which may have a higher GPA and/or other admission requirements to be considered. Students may be classified as a **pre-major** until additional requirements have been satisfied.
  - Eligible for admission to the NIU University Honors Program with a 3.2 transferable cumulative GPA
  - Academic advising from MCC academic advisors, NIU transfer support staff, and NIU College of Business advisors
  - Clear path to select degree programs
  - **Steps to Participate**- Submit [Participation Form](#) found on NIU's website at least one year in advance of first semester at NIU.
- **AA or AS Degree** - Transfer students who receive an AA or an AS degree from an Illinois public community college, have not previously attended NIU, are in good standing at the last college attended, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher are guaranteed the following:
  - Minimum of 60 semester hours in transfer credit
  - Junior status
  - NIU General Education requirements satisfied (Additional requirements may be needed for specific NIU majors.)
- **Illinois Articulation Initiative** - Transfer students who enter NIU as first time students with the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC) completed are considered to have completed NIU's general education requirements. Specific majors may require additional coursework. IAI GECC completion must be noted on the transcript.
- **For students who transfer prior to completing an AA or an AS degree or the IAI core:**
  - NIU credit can be transferred back to MCC for completion of the AA or the AS degree. Ask you MCC academic advisor or NIU contact about the **Reverse Transfer Agreement partnership**. If the AA or the AS is not completed, transfer students must complete requirements in NIU's general core.
  - If only a portion of the IAI GECC is completed upon transfer, NIU will evaluate on a course by course basis to see how each course fits into NIU's General Education.

**Admission Information**

- **Application and admission** - For details, please refer to this website: [www.transfercenter.niu.edu](http://www.transfercenter.niu.edu)
- **Application Deadlines** – Spring 2018 - December 1, 2017; Summer 2018 – May 15, 2018; Fall 2018 – August 1, 2018
- **Admission Criteria**
  - **Earned 24 + semester hours of college-level transferable courses** at the time of application
    - Cumulative 2.0 GPA
    - Overall C average for all hours attempted (as computed by NIU)
    - Good standing at last college attended

- **Earned 13 – 23 semester hours of college-level transferable courses** at the time of application
  - Meet freshman admission requirements
  - Cumulative 2.0 GPA
  - Overall C average for all hours attempted (as computed by NIU)
  - Good standing at last college attended
- **Attempted up to and including 12 semester hours of college-level transferable courses** at the time of application – must meet freshman admission requirements
- **Proficiency credit (including CLEP and AP)** does not count toward hours of college-level transferable courses for transfer admission purposes (exception – AA or AS degree completed). Refer to NIU’s academic catalog regarding credit accepted for of AP, CLEP, and other standardized exams. For an MCC administered proficiency exam, NIU will grant credit if the MCC course is posted on the student's transcript.

### Additional Information

- **GPA Calculation** – NIU uses the sending institutions transcribed cumulative GPA for admission purposes. Certain majors require special admission grading and GPA calculation policies (i.e., College of Business).
- **Maximum hours from a community college** - Up to 66 academic semester hours from a community college and 4 semester hours of physical education activity credits may be applied toward a degree at NIU.
- **Catalog Rule** - Students may choose the NIU catalog which was in effect when they became freshmen at their original school or any later NIU catalog, providing they were enrolled during the catalog year of their choice. The catalog year must not precede enrollment at NIU by more than three years. Students may elect to satisfy all graduation requirements from a single catalog or major and minor requirements from one and general education requirements from a second. **Please note that mandatory Illinois state standards for teacher education majors takes precedence over the Catalog Rule.**
- **Transfer students are strongly encouraged to meet NIU’s Foundation requirements prior to transfer.**
- **Grade requirement**
  - NIU will accept completed transfer work with a grade of D. Be advised that a grade of C or better is necessary to meet the requirements for NIU’s general education core competency courses (English and Math), prerequisite courses, majors, minors and certificates.
  - For students completing the IAI GECC or AA degree or AS degree prior to transfer, NIU will accept the D grade for general education requirements, with the exception of ENG151 and 152. Prerequisite courses and those required for majors, minors and certificates also have special grade requirements
- **Special Requirements for most majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**
  - **For a BA degree:** one foreign language met by either 4 years high school (in same language) with no grade lower than a C or through college 2<sup>nd</sup> level (NIU’s elementary 1&2 and intermediate 1&2 or equivalent).
  - **For a BS degree:** Four courses/sequences (minimum 10 credits) must be selected from at least two of the three groups (A/B/C). See groups of courses below. Your major may dictate which courses/sequences are required. Some departments have additional course requirements in the laboratory/mathematical sciences for their majors. Check the NIU catalog and adviser in the major department to determine which sequence to complete. (\* **also can be used for NIU general education credit – see NIU requirements in chart below**)

#### Group A Mathematics

- \*MAT170 Finite Math
- \*MAT171 Calculus for Business/Social Science
- or
- \* MAT175 Calculus w/Analytic Geometry I
- MAT245 Calculus w/Analytic Geometry II
- MAT255 Calculus w/Analytic Geometry III
- MAT253 Linear Algebra

#### Group B Computation

- CSC121 + CSC122 Computer Science I & II

#### Group B Lab Sciences

- \*BIO157 Fundamentals of Biology
- BIO158 Evolution & Biodiversity
- BIO255 Microbiology
- BO263+BIO264 Anatomy & Physiology I & II
- \*CHM165 General Chemistry I
- \*CHM166 General Chemistry II
- \*EAS120 Intro to Meteorology
- \*GEL105 Intro to Physical Geology
- \*PHY280 General Physics I
- \*PHY281 General Physics II
- \*PHY291 Principles of Physics I
- \*PHY292 Principles of Physics II

The following courses are recommended for students who will be entering NIU for the first time and will be transferring before earning an associate's degree or completing the IAI GECC. Your major may require specific general education coursework.

**NOTE:** Courses printed in boldface also satisfy IAI General Education Core Curriculum requirements for the following categories  
**C** = Communication    **H** = Humanities    **F** = Fine Arts    **L** = Life Science    **M** = Math    **P** = Physical Science    **S** = Social & Behavioral Sciences

NIU Curriculum	Hours Required	MCC Equivalents	
<b>Foundational Studies</b>			
Rhetoric & Comp.	3	ENG <b>151(C)</b>	
Writing in Domain	3	ENG <b>152(C)</b>	
Oral Communication	3	SPE <b>151(C)</b>	
Quantitative Literacy	3	MAT <b>120(M), 150(M), 165, 170(M), 171(M), 175(M), 201&amp; 202(M)</b> (both must be taken), <b>220(M), 245(M), 255(M)</b>	
<b>Knowledge Domain Studies</b> - A minimum of 21 semester hours are required with no more than 2 courses from any one department			
Nature & Technology	6 - 9	ANT <b>160(S)</b> BIO <b>110(L), 130(L), 138(L), 157(L), 158(L)</b> CHM <b>115(P), 164(P), 165(P), 166</b> EAS <b>101(P), 120(P), 180(P), 185(P)</b>	GEG <b>107(P), 123(P), *220(L), 221(L)</b> GEL <b>105(P), 110(P)</b> HRT <b>103(L)</b> PHY <b>280(P), 281, 291(P), 292</b>
Creativity & Critical Analysis	6 - 9	ANT <b>*155(S)</b> ART <b>150(HF), 151(F), 153, 155(F), 156, 157, 165(F), 171(F), 172(F), 174(F), 175(F), 253</b> ENG 105, 108, <b>240(H), 251(H), 252, 253(H), 254(H), 255(H), 256(H), 260(H), 261(H), 270(H), 271(H), 272(H), 275(H), 276(H), 277(H)</b> HIS <b>*131(S), *132(S), *170(S), *172(S)</b> JRN <b>180(F)</b> MCC 102	MUS 101, <b>151(F), 153(F), 154(F), 171(F), 172(F)</b> PHI <b>151(H), 155(H), 160(H), 240(H), 251(H)</b> PLT <b>*150(S), 281</b> PSY 271 Foreign Language: <b>FRE252(H), GER252(H), SPA252(H)</b> THE <b>151(F)</b> SPE 155
Society & Culture	6-9	ANT <b>151(S), *155(S), 170(S)</b> CJS 106, 120, 225 ECE120 ECO <b>150(S), 251(S), 252(S)</b> EDU 255 GEG <b>202(S), 203(S), 204(S), *220(L)</b> HFE 150	HIS 141, <b>*131(S), *132(S), *170(S), *172(S)</b> PHI <b>261(H), 262(H)</b> PLT <b>*150(S), 151(S), 155(S), 251(S), 255(S)</b> PSY <b>151(S), 250(S), 251(S), 255(S), 260(S), 265(S)</b> SOC <b>151(S), 175(S), 251(S), 260(S), 261(S)</b>

**\*Can be used in one category only**

Additional MCC/NIU course equivalencies can be viewed on the Internet by going to the following web page:

<http://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/credits/index.shtml>