

TRANSFER POINTERS . . . plan your transfer to



Admission

Visit the [Northern Illinois University Transfer Admissions](#) website for admission criteria and application process.

Acceptance of AA and/or AS degree

Students completing the Associate in Arts degree will satisfy NIU's general education requirements. Students completing the Associate in Science degree will satisfy NIU's general education due to NIU's unique PLUS General Education requirements. *Consult a BHC advisor prior to pursuing the AS degree.*

Acceptance of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses

Courses accepted for transfer must be baccalaureate-oriented, that is, directed toward an academic rather than an occupational/technical program. Courses which are normally vocational or remedial are not accepted for transfer; however, certain NIU departments may make exceptions. Consult an NIU academic advisor.

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)

NIU is a full participant. The IAI GECC may be completed after transfer if 30 or more hours of transfer credit have been earned.

Credits and Residency

Minimum Credit Hours to Apply as a Transfer Student	24
Maximum transfer credits accepted from community colleges	66 + 4 semester hours of physical education activity
Maximum transfer credits accepted from all schools attended	in all cases, the student will be required to complete at least 54 semester hours from the following sources: NIU credit, credit from other 4-year schools, proficiency credit, and up to 8 semester hours of physical education activity credit of which up to 4 physical education activity credit hours may be earned at community colleges.

Residency	Must earn at least 30 semester hours of credit in course work offered by NIU after having earned 80 semester hours. Continuing and reentering students intending to transfer credit to NIU after they have earned 90 semester credit hours or who will exceed 90 semester credit hours upon transfer of that credit must obtain prior approval from their major college office before enrolling in the course(s) which they intend to transfer. Students should also check for other residence requirements in the appropriate college and department listings.
Minimum upper division credits (300- and 400-level courses) required to graduate	40, of which at least 12 semester hours of major departmental courses taken at NIU.
Taking BHC courses after transfer	Contact an NIU advisor, and BHC Advising at ADVQC@bhc.edu

Grades

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 many foundational studies courses, prerequisite courses, majors, minors and certificates.

Second Language

For admission: None

For graduation: refer to details in the NIU Catalog (Other University Requirements section) Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree must demonstrate competence in a single foreign language or American Sign Language equivalent to that attained in two years of college instruction. This requirement may be met by: 1) four years of one foreign language with no grade lower than “C” at an accredited high school, or 2) successful completion of a single foreign language equivalent to two years of college instruction (to the 202-level), or 3) demonstrating fluency by Credit by Examination, or 4) requesting course credit for the State Seal of Biliteracy within 3 academic years after graduating from high school, or 5) exemption by testing. Students may not test in their native language. However, a student who registered at NIU as an international student with a native language other than English may be exempt.

BHC prepares Transfer Pointers as a service to students. The information is subject to change by the transfer school. Students should work with their BHC advisor and the transfer school to stay informed. Students are responsible for confirming transfer school requirements and policies.

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