

# Northern Illinois University

## Transfer Planning Guide

<p>Northern IL University Office of Admissions 1425 West Lincoln Hwy • Williston Hall 101 DeKalb, IL 60115 • 815-753-0446 transfercenter@niu.edu NIU Website: <a href="http://www.niu.edu/">http://www.niu.edu/</a></p>	<p>Public Enrollment: 15,649 Calendar: Semester System 2023-2024 Tuition &amp; Fees: \$12,504.00 Engineering, Nursing and Computer Science have additional fees 2023-2024 Room &amp; Board: \$11,748.00 Financial Aid/Scholarships: <a href="http://www.niu.edu/fa">http://www.niu.edu/fa</a></p>
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This transfer guide is designed to assist students with their academic planning. Every effort is made to maintain accurate information; however, this information is subject to frequent change. Students should contact the member institution to keep informed of changes, as final responsibility for verifying information rests with the student.

### TRANSFER OPTIONS

**Completed AA or AS degree:** CLC students will enter with junior standing and all NIU general education requirements will be considered complete if the AA, AS, or approved AAT degree has been earned prior to enrolling at NIU. Individual "limited admission" majors may have additional prerequisites and/or requirements that are not covered by this agreement. General education requirements will be considered fulfilled upon receipt of an official transcript from CLC showing completion of the AA or AS degree. Special general education requirements apply to electrical, industrial, and mechanical engineering and an AA/AS does not automatically meet these requirements.

**IAI GECC:** Completing *only* the IAI General Education Core at CLC (no AA/AS) will be evaluated by NIU as completing the lower division general education requirements. Individual "limited admission" majors may have additional prerequisites and/or requirements that are not covered by this agreement.

**Completing some courses at CLC:** If transferring prior to completing the IAI General Education Core at CLC, students will be required to follow NIU's general education requirements to complete the baccalaureate degree.

**Guaranteed Transfer Admission Partner:** Students may apply for the GTA a year before they plan to matriculate. To learn more please visit [www.clcillinois.edu/GTA](http://www.clcillinois.edu/GTA)

### TRANSFER CREDITS

The maximum number of semester hours transferable from a community college is 66 academic hours plus 4 hours of P.E. activity courses. Additional credit for military service is possible. **\*Please note: 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.** Course equivalencies can be viewed at: <https://www.niu.edu/admissions/pdf/articulation-tables/lake-county.pdf>

Information on the AP credit policy and scoring could be found at: <https://www.niu.edu/testing/student/credit-by-exam/advanced-placement.shtml>

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants who have attempted **up to and including 12 hours of credit** will be evaluated as a freshman for admission purposes and must meet the current freshman admission requirements (Guaranteed general admission with a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher). The grade point average earned for the 12 (or less) attempted hours will not affect the admission decision.
- Students with **12 – 23 transferable hours of credit** must satisfy both freshman and transfer admission criteria.
- **Transfer admission requirements:** 24 transferable earned credits, minimum 2.0 cumulative transfer GPA and be in good standing at last school attended.
- **Minimum GPA's for consideration:** Accountancy and Finance 3.0 (Not a limited admission major. However, must meet retention after review); Art Education 2.75; Business other 2.5 (Not a limited admission major. However, must meet retention after review); Medical Lab Sciences 2.5; Computer Science 2.5; Early Childhood 2.5 (Not a limited admission major. However, must meet retention after review); Elementary Education 2.75 (Not a limited admission major. However, must meet retention after review); Fashion Merchandising (Not a limited admission major. However, must have C's or better in major courses to progress); Health Sciences: Pre-Physical Therapy 3.0 (Not a limited admission major. However, must meet retention after 45 credits earned.); Hospitality & Tourism Management (Not a limited admission major. However, must have C's or better in major courses to progress); Human Development and Family Sciences 2.2 (Not a limited admission major. However, must meet retention after review); Special Education 2.5; (Not a limited admission major. However, must meet retention after review); See catalog for other limited admission program requirements.

- **Communicative Disorders Update:** Minor is required to graduate from NIU. Please consider taking courses toward a minor at College of Lake County, with consultation with NIU advisors.
- **Nutrition, Dietetics and Wellness:** Students should seek advisement to ensure that they have completed their organic chemistry and general biology requirements prior to transferring to NIU.
- **Please refer to the following website if you have any questions regarding limited admission major requirements:**  
<http://www.transfercenter.niu.edu>

### **CALCULATION OF ADMISSION GPA**

For students transferring without the AA, AS, or AAT degree, repeated courses for which a grade of "C" or better was received in the first attempt will not be calculated in the admission GPA, nor will such a course be accepted for transfer credit. If "D" or "F" courses are repeated, the second attempt only will be utilized in calculating the GPA. Certain majors require special admission grading policies.

### **APPLICATION**

**General Deadlines:** Spring 12/1, Summer 5/15, Fall 8/1; NIU Reinstatement Students: Spring 12/1, Summer 5/15, Fall 8/1

**Medical Lab Science: Fall only 2/1**

**Nursing: Fall only (except RNS) 1/15;**

**Apply EARLY!!! The Online Application** can be found at: <http://www.niu.edu/admissions/apply/index.shtml>

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT**

Students seeking a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete either 4 years of the same language in high school w/no grade lower than a "C" or Seal of Biliteracy or 2 years in college.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships: [www.scholarships.niu.edu](http://www.scholarships.niu.edu). Merit based deadlines: fall- 3/1 and spring 10/1

- Transfer- Merit-based scholarship for full time degree seeking students: 3.5/4.0 GPA = \$2,000 towards tuition per year for two years, or 3.25 - 3.49 GPA = \$1500 towards tuition per year for two years, or 3.0 - 3.249 GPA = \$1000 towards tuition per year for two years, if application is complete by merit based scholarship deadlines; Legacy Scholarship: Merit-based scholarship valued at \$1,000 for the incoming child of NIU alumnus/a
- Other scholarships are on MyScholarships: <https://www.niu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/my-scholarships/index.shtml>
- For more information please contact [finaid@niu.edu](mailto:finaid@niu.edu) or 815-753-1395.

### **SPECIAL NOTES**

- Prospective Art, Music and Theatre majors are encouraged to transfer after one year.
- Computer Science majors who transfer to NIU as juniors may need additional time (one to two summers or an additional fall or spring semester) to graduate from NIU.
- Business majors: complete MTH 222 and calculus course (MTH 224 or 145) prior to transfer; if these are not completed it can take an additional one – two years to complete the business course sequence at NIU.
- There is a confirmation process for admitted transfer students. Once students are admitted, they will receive an initial transfer credit report on their MyNIU Student Center. After confirming their admission and completing the \$85 enrollment fee, students will be able to register for an orientation program. The enrollment fee confirms intent to enroll and is **non-refundable**.
- NIU accepts CLEP credit; students are asked to contact NIU's Office of Testing Services: 815-753-1203.

### **TRANSFER PLANNING GUIDES BY MAJOR**

Transfer guides can be found at <https://www.niu.edu/admissions/path/transfer/credits/>

**Limited Admissions/Retention programs:** [Business](#), Medical Lab Sciences, Nursing, Computer Science, Visual Communication (Graphic Arts)

(also available online: <https://www.niu.edu/admissions/path/transfer/credits/>)