



College of Lake County Transfer Guide Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Available at:
NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)
University Center (Grayslake, IL) **Spring 2012**

Program Description

Political Science is central to an understanding of all basic social issues and is one of the most popular liberal arts majors. A political science education gives people the ability to understand the workings of politics and the way it impacts the lives of all of us. A major in this field helps students develop the skills of understanding and analysis, and builds competence in oral and written expression. Graduates go on to careers in law, government, business, public policy, non-profit management, journalism, and teaching.

Highlights

Transfer Coordination at the College of Lake County: Students who have questions about the program prior to admission may contact Shani Garza, who is the NEIU Transfer Coordinator and is housed at College of Lake County. Shani assists students with the application process, how to apply for financial aid and scholarships, registering for classes, and general information about the program. Shani may be reached at (847) 543-2307 or S-Garza3@neiu.edu.

Available at the Main Campus (Chicago, IL) or the University Center of Lake County (Grayslake, IL):

The program at the University Center is designed for students with an AA or AS degree or have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours. The University Center is a unique partnership of eighteen Illinois colleges and universities and provides a number of bachelor's completion programs as well as graduate and professional development opportunities. For more information about the UC or to schedule an appointment, contact Tonia Baxter, Recruitment Specialist/Advisor at (847) 665-4014 or tbaxter@ucenter.org. Current schedules, program updates and upcoming events are available on their website: www.ucenter.org.

Admission Requirements

- Students must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher for all college or university course work attempted. Students must be in good academic standing at the last college or university attended.
- Required documents are: application for admission, \$30 nonrefundable application fee, and official transcripts from all colleges and universities.
- Application materials, including the option to apply online can be found at www.neiu.edu/Transfer.
- Application deadlines are as follows:

		<i>International Applicants</i>
Fall	July 1	June 1
Spring	November 1	October 1
Summer I	April 1	March 1
Summer II	May 1	April 1

Political Science Major Requirements

NEIU Political Science Major: 33 credits		
Course	Credits	Notes
Three introductory courses selected from:		
PSCI-216 American National Government	3	PSC 121- American National Politics at CLC
PSCI-251 Comparative Political Systems	3	PSC 221- Comparative Political Systems at CLC
PSCI-275 Introduction to World Politics	3	PSC 222- International Relations at CLC
PSCI-291 Concepts of Political Science	3	No equivalent at CLC
PSCI-210 Introduction to Political Science	3	No equivalent at CLC
Writing Intensive Program (WIP) Requirement (1 course)		
PSCI – 344 Public Organization Theory (or)		Choose (1 course) to satisfy the WIP requirement. The course will count towards the 300 level courses listed below.
PSCI – 392 Contemporary Political Philosophy		
Eight 300 level courses to be distributed among:		
5 courses in first area: American Politics and Public Affairs (PSCI 310-349)		
2 courses in a second area: International and Comparative Politics or Political Theory (PSCI 350-399)		
1 course in a third area: International and Comparative Politics or Political Theory courses (PSCI 3950-399)		
*The following courses are cross listed, so they can count towards one of two different areas:		
PSCI 333: either American Politics/Public Affairs or International/Comparative Politics		
PSCI 373: either International/Comparative Politics or Political Theory		
PSCI 383: either American Politics/Public Affairs or International/Comparative Politics		
Political Science Major Policies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must earn a grade of “C” or higher in all courses counted toward the major. No “P” grades will count toward a major. Political Science courses with "D" grades may be used as university electives. • Community college courses may not be used to fulfill 300-level requirements. • Transfer courses must be approved by the department before being applied to the major or minor. • Students must complete at least half of their major or minor course work at Northeastern. 		

General Education Requirements

Three options are available to students who plan to complete their General Education requirements at CLC.

- **Associate of Arts or Science:** Students who transfer with an approved Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Model Associate of Arts or Sciences degree will have met NEIU’s General Education Requirements. For information regarding completing an Associate of Arts or Sciences at CLC, including assistance with course

selection, please visit the Counseling, Admissions, and Transfer Center at CLC. More information is available at their website (www.clcillinois.edu/depts/cou/) or by calling (847) 543-2060.

- **Completion of the Illinois General Education Core Curriculum (GECC):** Students who transfer after completing the Illinois GECC will have met their General Education requirements. For information regarding the Illinois General Education Core Curriculum, including courses at CLC that fulfill General Education requirements, please visit the iTransfer web site at www.itransfer.org.
- **Transfer Course Lists for CLC:** Students may choose to meet their General Education requirements by selecting courses from NEIU’s Transfer Course Equivalency Guides, available at: www.neiu.edu/Transfer. **When choosing this option, please use the following NEIU General Education guide:**

NEIU General Education Program	
The General Education Program requires a minimum of 39 credit hours of courses distributed among 5 areas.	
Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any math course College Algebra or higher with a grade of “C” or better.
Social / Behavioral Sciences 4 courses (12 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than two courses from the same department may be used. • It is recommended that students take two Political Science courses to meet this requirement as they will also count toward the major: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Two of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSC 121 American National Government • PSC 221 Comparative Political Systems • PSC 222 International Relations
Natural Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than two courses from the same department may be used. • One course must have a lab component.
Fine Arts 2 courses (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than one course from the same department may be used.
Humanities 3 courses (9 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than two courses from the same department may be used. • No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.

NEIU Degree Requirements

- 1.) **General Education:** 39 credit hours (see requirements above)
- 2.) **English 101 or equivalent (grade of “C” or higher):** At CLC, take ENG 121 - English Composition I
- 3.) **Writing Intensive Program (WIP) Requirement:** all newly admitted students must successfully complete a writing intensive course within their discipline. Students completing the Bachelors of Arts in Political Science at

the University Center will have to complete one of the following courses to satisfy the WIP requirement: PSCI-344 Public Organization Theory or PSCI-392 Contemporary Political Philosophy.

- 4.) **Total Credits and Credit Levels:** A minimum of 120 semester hours must be earned by every undergraduate student to be eligible to graduate from Northeastern. **Students must complete a minimum of 24 semester hours at the 300 level and 18 semester hours at the 200 or 300 level.**
- 5.) **Major Program:** Undergraduate students must declare and complete a major. Students must earn a grade of “C” or higher in all courses counted toward the major. No “P” grades will count toward a major.
- 6.) **Residency:** The last 30 consecutive credit hours **must be taken at Northeastern.**
- 7.) **GPA:** Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA (overall “C” average). Some academic programs and departments have other specific grade requirements.
- 8.) **Improving Human Relations:** The Improving Human Relations requirement may be met through the General Education program. Courses are available in both the Humanities and Social / Behavioral Sciences categories. You may choose a course that meets the Improving Human Relations requirement **and** Humanities or Social / Behavioral Sciences. **Note: PSCI 216 at NEIU or PSC 121 at CLC fulfills this requirement.**

Transfer Policies

- Students with an AA or AS degree from an Illinois Community College and/or completion of the IAI will have fulfilled NEIU’s general education requirements.
- A maximum of 90 semester hours may be transferred to NEIU (no more than 60 from a community college). In cases where both a community college and university were attended, a maximum of 90 semester hours are accepted, with a maximum of 60 semester hours allowed at the community college level.
- Additional information about transferring and transfer policies are available at www.neiu.edu/Transfer.

Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships

Northeastern Illinois University is committed to providing an affordable education. That’s why our tuition and fees are among the most affordable of the Illinois Public Universities. We offer a **tuition guarantee program** that guarantees incoming students the same tuition rate for four years.

For information about financing your education at NEIU, including Financial Aid and Scholarship opportunities, please see our website: www.neiu.edu/FinAid.htm. You may also contact our Financial Aid Office directly at (773) 442-5000 or email Financial-Aid@neiu.edu. If you are completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Northeastern’s federal School code is **001693**. The Office of Scholarships may be reached at (773) 442-4606 or M-Morrow@neiu.edu.