

# Bachelor's Degree

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## Bachelor's Degree Graduation Requirements

Refer to your Academic Catalog (<http://www.neiu.edu/academics/academic-catalog/>) for specific graduation and degree requirements.

### Total Credits

Undergraduate students must earn a minimum of 120 semester hours, of which 40 semester hours must be at the upper-division level (300-level) to be eligible to graduate from Northeastern.

### Residency

Undergraduate students must earn at least 30 semester hours at Northeastern Illinois University. Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS) and University Without Walls (UWW) students must earn at least 24 semester hours at Northeastern.

### Grade Point Average

To be eligible to graduate, undergraduate students and second bachelor's degree students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA (overall "C" average). Some academic programs and departments have other specific grade requirements. Check with your academic advisor.

### Academic College or Nontraditional Degree Programs

All undergraduates must also satisfy the requirements of their individual college (College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Technology, College of Education) or the Nontraditional Degree Programs.

### Academic Major and Minor

Undergraduate students must complete a major. Some majors require a minor or set of cognate courses. Students should refer to the section of the Academic Catalog which details the requirements for each major to determine if a minor or a set of cognate courses is required. Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all courses counted toward the major, the minor, cognate, and professional sequences. No "P" grades will count toward a major, a minor, or cognate courses. All grade point average requirements must be met for the successful completion of a program of study.

### General Education-Distributive Learning Program

All undergraduate students must complete the General Education-Distributive Learning Program requirements which include coursework in Fine Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social/Behavioral Sciences. Refer to the General Education-Distributive Learning section of the Academic Catalog for more information.

### Engaged Learning Experiences Requirement

In addition to the General Education-Distributive Learning requirements, all undergraduate students must complete three Engaged Learning Experiences (ELE) courses, designated as Boundary Crossing (ELE-X) and Discipline Specific (ELE-DS), to satisfy the Engaged Learning Experiences requirement. The ELE requirement must be completed at Northeastern Illinois University. Three ELE courses (minimum of 7 hours) must be completed to graduate. At least one of the three ELE courses must be a Boundary-Crossing (ELE-X) course. (Students can take more than one ELE-X course to fulfill the requirement.) At least one of the three ELE courses must be at the 300-level. A course can only be counted only once toward meeting the ELE requirement, even if it is repeatable within the major or program.

To count toward the ELE requirement, a course must be graded with a letter grade (i.e., A, B, C, D). No courses graded as pass/fail can count toward meeting the ELE requirement. Only one "D" grade is permitted to count toward the ELE requirement. Furthermore, the "D" can only be accepted if the course is not counting for completion of the student's major. If a course is counted as a major requirement, it must follow the requirements of the major, which is often receiving a "C" or better.

Students can search the online Schedule of Classes by "Attribute Type" to find approved ELE Discipline Specific and ELE Boundary Crossing courses.

A listing of the approved ELE courses is also available on the University Core Curriculum web page (<https://www.neiu.edu/academics/university-core-curriculumgeneral-education/>).

### English Composition Requirement

All students must successfully complete ENGL-101 or its equivalent, with a grade of "C" or better. This requirement should be completed within the first 30 credit hours at Northeastern in order to ensure that students have the necessary writing skills to complete their studies.

### Writing Intensive Requirement

All students must successfully complete a writing intensive (WIP) course of at least 3 credit hours within their discipline. This requirement cannot be fulfilled with transfer credit. Students should check with an academic advisor or the Center for Academic Writing to determine which WIP course(s) may fulfill this requirement for their major.

### Math/Quantitative Reasoning Requirement (MA)

One course, 3 credit hours math/quantitative reasoning course that has Intermediate Algebra as a prerequisite. Any 3 semester hour college-level math course, beyond Intermediate Algebra, meets this requirement. No grade of "D" is allowed to satisfy the Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning

requirement. This requirement should be completed within the first 30 credit hours at Northeastern in order to ensure that students have the necessary mathematics skills to complete their studies.

See the University Core Curriculum (<https://www.neiu.edu/academics/university-core-curriculumgeneral-education/>) web page for the list of General Education-Distributive Education Program List of Approved Courses which shows which courses satisfy this requirement. Students can also fulfill the Math/Quantitative requirement in one of the following ways:

1. Transfer credit with a grade of "C" or better in any math course College Algebra level or higher.
2. An Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree from a community college meeting the standards of the 1991 Illinois Community College Board model General Education curriculum in Mathematics or completion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative's General Education Core curriculum after transferring to Northeastern Illinois University.
3. Placing at College Level II Math on the NEIU Math Placement Test (October 2018 and later).
4. A Math ACT score of 25 or higher, or a 580 or higher SAT score.
5. A score of three or higher on the Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus examination.
6. A minimum score of 31 on the Northeastern Accuplacer **College Level Math** placement test (Fall 2014 through October 2018).
7. A minimum score of 35 on the Northeastern Mathematics placement test (pre-Fall 2014).
8. Completion of one of the majors or minors listed below will automatically fulfill the Math/Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

#### **College of Arts and Sciences**

Biology major  
Chemistry major  
Earth Science major  
Environmental Science (major)  
Physics (major or minor)  
Economics (major or minor)  
Mathematics (major or minor)  
Psychology major

#### **College of Business and Technology**

Accounting (major or minor)  
Computer Science (major or minor)  
Finance (major or minor)  
General Business Administration major  
International Business minor  
Marketing major  
Management (major or minor)

#### **Improving Human Relations Requirement**

Illinois Bill 110 ILCS 205/9.21 requires that "each public institution of higher education to include, in the general education requirements for obtaining a degree, coursework on improving human relations to include race, ethnicity, gender and other issues related to improving human relations to address racism and sexual harassment on their campuses, through existing courses." The General Education Program includes coursework on improving race and ethnic relations. The current Schedule of Classes will identify the list from which the students will choose a course that satisfies the Improving Human Relations requirement. Students who complete one of the following programs of study have met the requirement:

Anthropology (major or minor)  
Bilingual/Bicultural Education (major)  
Justice Studies (major or minor)  
Geography (major)  
History (major)  
Urban Community Studies (major) (formerly Inner City Studies)  
Latino and Latin American Studies (major or minor)  
Political Science (major or minor)  
Psychology (major or minor)  
Social Work (major or minor)  
Sociology (major or minor)  
Women's and Gender Studies (major or minor)