

Major in Textiles, Apparel, and Merchandising

College of Health and Human Sciences Northern Illinois University

Transfer Guide for Illinois Community College Students

The mission of the School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences at Northern Illinois University is to generate and transmit knowledge that supports families and individuals in meeting human needs for self development, social interaction, resource allocation, clothing, food and nutrition, and hospitality. All programs lay the groundwork for graduate study.

The School of Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences offers an undergraduate program with a major in [textiles, apparel and merchandising](#) leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. Students with this major have a variety of career opportunities related to marketing and retailing apparel and related products. Careers include various aspects of product development, purchasing, distribution, quality control, promotion and the management of human resources.

The program provides students with product knowledge of textiles and apparel as well as an understanding of socioeconomic influences and managerial and business skills relevant to marketing textiles and apparel products. Students are encouraged to consider a minor in business administration, communication studies, or marketing.

This transfer guide is designed as an advising tool to facilitate a smooth transition between institutions by identifying relevant course work recommended to be completed prior to transfer. Community college students are advised to also complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer and to consult the [NIU Articulation Handbook](#) for information regarding the transferability of courses. All students planning to transfer are advised to consult with the College of Health and Human Sciences for detailed information.

Students are encouraged to consider a minor in business administration. Students who enter the textiles, apparel, and merchandising program with the courses listed here and who have completed an A.A. or A.S. degree can usually expect to complete the NIU program in two years.

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Courses Recommended Prior to Transfer

ACCY 288	Fundamentals of Accounting (3)
ART 102	2-D Foundation (3)
or ARTH 282	Introduction to the Visual Arts (3)
CHEM 110	Chemistry (3)
CHEM 111	Chemistry Laboratory (1)
ECON 260	Principles of Microeconomics (3)

¹ Based on requirements in the 2008/2009 *Undergraduate Catalog*

MATH 210	Finite Mathematics (3)
MGMT 333	Principles of Management (3)
MKTG 310	Principles of Marketing (3)
PSYC 102	Introduction to Psychology (3)
SOCI 170	Introduction to Sociology (3)
STAT 208	Basic Statistics (3)
	or UBUS 223 Introduction to Business Statistics (3)

Courses to be Completed at NIU

FCNS 152	Fiber and Fabric Analysis I (3)
FCNS 258	Fashion Industries (3)
FCNS 262	Design Trends in Western Costume (3)
FCNS 351	Fiber and Fabric Analysis II (3)
FCNS 353	Apparel Products Analysis (3)
FCNS 466	Economics of Apparel and Textile Industries (3)
FCNS 468	Consumer Behavior Related to Apparel (3)
FCNS 470	Fashion Merchandising (3)

One of the following:

- FCNS 474 Textiles, Apparel, and Merchandising Internship (7) or
- FCNS 356E Cooperative Education II (3)

Students must take 3 semester hours in this course

Two of the following: FCNS 252, FCNS 272, FCNS 367, FCNS 450, FCNS 455, FCNS 456, FCNS 457, FCNS 464

One of the following: FCNS 365X, FINA 320, MKTG 348, MKTG 350, MKTG 364, MKTG 365, MKTG 370, MKTG 425

Specific information about admission requirements to Northern Illinois University and to programs in the College of Health and Human Sciences can be found in the current [NIU Undergraduate Catalog](#). Contact the Office of Admissions to obtain an application for admission. For additional information on programs in the college, contact HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu

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- ❖ Department of Military Science (815) 752-7682
- ❖ School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
 - Clinical Laboratory Sciences (815) 753-1382
 - Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Rehabilitation Counseling (815) 753-1484
 - Physical Therapy (815) 753-1383
- ❖ School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences (815) 753-6350
- ❖ School of Nursing and Health Studies
 - Nursing (815) 753-1231
 - Health Studies (815) 753-1891
- ❖ Gerontology Program (815) 753-0031
- ❖ Office of Admissions (815) 753-0446

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