



Dual Enrollment

Get an Early Start at NEIU! Earn Credit Tuition Free

College Classes for High School Students

Trying to figure out if college is right for you? Curious about what a college class is like? Here's a great way to find out while still in high school. You can be a Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) student for one class per semester at no/minimal cost! This is a great opportunity for students that may not be sure about college, want to explore a subject that they can't get at high school, or that are just interested in trying something new.

No Tuition and Fees

Dual Enrollment Program students receive a NEIU scholarship waiver to cover the cost of attendance for one class. (Scholarship value for three credits at NEIU \$1,592.85).

Students are responsible for their own classroom fees/books/materials, which are not covered by NEIU scholarship waiver.

Dual Enrollment Overview

You can earn 3 or 4 NEIU credits each semester until you graduate from high school. You'll be taking a real college course with NEIU students, supported by NEIU faculty and staff to optimize your success. You'll connect with other motivated high school students from your school and around the city.

Classes that meet NEIU graduation requirements will be offered in one of six academic categories:

- Fine Arts
- Humanities
- Natural Sciences
- Social/ Behavioral Sciences
- Business/ Technology
- Education/ Health Sciences

Note: There isn't always a course in each category each semester.

First Half of Summer Session runs from **May 26 - July 2, 2026**.

Second Half of Summer Session is **July 6 - August 13, 2026**.

Accepted students can take classes in either or both semesters.

Requirements

- High school students who have completed 10th grade in good standing. Priority given to students interested in attending NEIU full time after graduation.
- Cumulative unweighted grade point average of 2.85
- Signed recommendation form from the principal or guidance counselor
- Official transcript
- Parental consent forms
- Student and parent/ legal guardian must participate in a mandatory orientation.
- Students must take an in-person course first semester.
- To remain eligible for tuition-free classes, students must make Satisfactory Academic Progress each semester by maintaining an NEIU GPA of 2.0 or higher and not withdrawing from any class.

Apply for the Early College Program | NEIU Admission

Complete student info form linked below as soon as possible (deadline for First Half of Summer Session is April 19, 2026; deadline for Second Half of Summer Session is May 17). Scholarships and space in classes are limited.

Visit the link: <https://bit.ly/neiusummer2026>

Once submitted, an NEIU staff member will contact you to complete required documents (expected by May 1, 2026 for First Half/ June 1 for Second Half). After document review, approved students will be sent a link for NEIU admission as an Early College student. Accepted students will be contacted about scheduling their class after admission to NEIU.

For More Information About How To Apply, Please Contact:

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