



# College of Health & Human Sciences Northern Illinois University

## Bachelor of Science in Fashion Merchandising Transfer Guide for Illinois Community College Students<sup>1</sup>

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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 encouraged to

- Complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer
- Utilize the *NIU Articulation Handbook* for information regarding the transferability of courses.  
<http://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/plan/credits/index.shtml>
- Consult with the College of Health and Human Sciences and/or review the websites for their intended majors for detailed information about special requirements, program admission requirements, and course requirements. [www.chhs.niu.edu](http://www.chhs.niu.edu)

The mission of the School of Family and Consumer 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 hospitality. All programs lay the groundwork for graduate study.

The School of Family and Consumer Sciences offers an undergraduate program with a major in [Fashion Merchandising](#) leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. Students with this major have a variety of career opportunities related to **fashion** apparel and related-**product merchandising**. 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 the **merchandising** of textile and apparel products. Students are encouraged to consider a minor in business administration, communication studies, or marketing.

Students who enter the Fashion 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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<sup>1</sup> Based on requirements in the 2018/19 *Undergraduate Catalog*

## **Major in Fashion Merchandising**

### **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)  
MATH 210 Finite Mathematics (3)  
    or MATH 211 Calculus for Business and Social Science (3)  
    or MATH 229 Calculus I (4)  
PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)  
SOC 170 Introduction to Sociology (3)  
STAT 208 Basic Statistics (3)  
    or UBUS 223 Introduction to Business Statistics (3)

### **Courses to be Completed at NIU**

FSMD 152 Fiber and Fabric Analysis I (3)  
FSMD 258 Introduction to the Fashion Industry (3)  
FSMD 262 Design Trends in Western Costume (3)  
FSMD 272 Merchandising Promotion (3)  
FSMD 347 Professional Development for Fashion Merchandising (3)  
FSMD 353 Apparel Products Analysis (3)  
FSMD 355 Merchandising Mathematics (3)  
FSMD 458 Fashion E-commerce  
FSMD 466 Economics of Apparel and Textile Industries (3)  
FSMD 468 Consumer Behavior Related to Apparel (3)  
MGMT 333 Principles of Management (3)  
MKTG 295 Principles of Marketing (3)  
FSMD 474 Textiles, Apparel, and Merchandising Internship (7)  
    or FSMD 356E Cooperative Education II (3)  
    *Students must take 3 semester hours in this course*  
Two of the following: FSMD 369, FSMD 450, FSMD 456,  
    FSMD 464, FSMD 469, FSMD 471  
One of the following: FSMD 365X or MKTG 365, FINA 320, MKTG 348, MKTG 350, MKTG 364,  
    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](mailto:HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu)

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- ❖ Department of Military Science (815) 753-6239
- ❖ School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
  - Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Rehabilitation Counseling (815) 753-1484
  - Health Sciences (815) 753-1383
- ❖ School of Family and Consumer Sciences (815) 753-1543
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