This course is part of the GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM at NEIU. This sheet provides information about the Gen Ed Program, and function of this particular course in the Program. The distribution area (FA, HU, SB, NS, MA) of this course is noted above.

In the General Education Program, the University identifies five areas in which students gain some general knowledge to enrich their lives and enhance their academic experience. Every undergraduate student must take courses from a list of designated courses in each of these areas. The knowledge gained in these courses will provide an academic foundation that will help prepare students for the major and minor course areas and will encourage students to become life-long learners in many different and divergent fields of study. Students are required to take a minimum of 39 credit hours of General Education courses and are encouraged to complete these courses during their first 75 hours of course work. Transfer students may fulfill General Education requirements with courses taken at other colleges or universities.

Distribution:

**Fine Arts FA** 2 courses, 6 credit hours from two of the following areas of study:
Art, Mass Media & Theatre (in the CMT dept.), Music & Dance (in the Music dept.)

**Humanities HU** 3 courses, 9 credit hours from at least two of the following areas of study: Communication (in the CMT dept.), English, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Linguistics, Philosophy, Women's Studies *(NOTE: No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.)*

**Behavioral/Social Sciences SB** 4 courses, 12 credit hours from at least two of the following areas of study: African & African American Studies, Anthropology, Computer Science, Economics, Geography & Environmental Studies, History, Justice Studies, Latino & Latin American Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology

**Natural Sciences NS** 3 courses, 9 credit hours from at least two of the following areas of study; one course must have a laboratory component: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics *(NOTE: If an FYE ANTH that counts as NS is taken, then only one Biology course may be used for NS)*

**Math/Quantitative Reasoning MA** 1 course, a minimum of 3 credit hours, that has Intermediate Algebra as prerequisite OR is on the General Education List of Approved Courses. Any 3 hour college level math course, beyond Intermediate Algebra, meets this requirement.

The goal of the General Education Program is to assist students in developing the following abilities & skills.

*This course provides a background in the indicated areas:*

- the ability to communicate both in writing and orally;
- the skills required to gather, analyze, document, and integrate information;
- an understanding of historical processes and cultural differences; aesthetic and literary sensitivity;
- an understanding of the modes of thought, concerns, and methodologies of the fine arts, the humanities, the social and behavioral sciences, and the natural sciences; and,
- the ability to use quantitative methods in the natural, social and behavioral sciences.