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# TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

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## TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Arts to  
Bachelor of Arts in Law

### ***Overview***

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA) degree at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Law degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

### ***Applying to the Gateway2NKU Program***

Students can apply to participate in the pathway program by completing the online application on the NKU transfer webpage. Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours at Gateway CTC, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Gateway CTC.

### ***Degree Requirements for GCTC***

1. Completion of minimum 60 credit hours
2. Minimum cumulative GPA 2.0
3. Minimum of 15 credit hours earned at the institution awarding the degree,
4. Demonstration of digital literacy
5. College success requirement

### ***Admission Requirements to NKU***

Students completing an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be accepted into NKU.

### ***Degree Requirements for NKU***

To earn a bachelor's degree at NKU, students must

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Complete at least 25% of the credit hours required at NKU
3. Complete the last 30 credit hours at NKU
4. Complete at least 45 credit hours numbered 300 or above
5. Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA across all major coursework
6. Meet all requirements for the major
7. Completion of a minor, focus, or second major (if required by major)

***General Transfer Information***

Students must complete the online application to NKU. There is no application fee for students who are transferring from GCTC.

**KCTCS Scholars Award:** Students who are KY residents transferring directly from a KCTCS institution with at least 36 hours from that institution and minimum GPA of 3.0, were never enrolled as a degree-seeking student at NKU, and will be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours both fall and spring semester are eligible for a limited number of annual scholarships (fall and spring only). Students must gain admission to NKU by June 15 for fall and November 1 for spring to be eligible for a possible scholarship. Online accelerated programs are not eligible for the KCTCS Scholars Award.

Tuition and scholarship information specific to transfer students can be viewed on the [NKU Adult & Transfer Center website](#).

**GCTC AA TO NKU BA IN LAW CHECKLIST**  
**Gateway Community and Technical College**

**Category 1: GCTC General Education Core Requirements**

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
Taken at NKU	Writing in Legal Contexts	3	Law 291W	
TBS XXX	Oral Communication (OC)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts and Humanities (AH) Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts and Humanities (AH) Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
Taken at NKU	Introduction to the Law	3	LAW 101	
JUS 101U	Introduction to Criminal Justice (SB) recommended	3	JUS 101	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning or Natural Science (QR/NS)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
	<b>Subtotal General Education Core Courses</b>	<b>34</b>		

TBS XXX means to be selected by GCTC student.

TBD XXX means to be determined by NKU based on course selected.

For Social and Behavioral Sciences courses, two disciplines must be represented and different from those in the Arts and Humanities category.

**Category 2: GCTC AA Requirements**

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH), Social/Behavioral Science (SB), Foreign Language (FL) Elective, or Oral Communication (OC) Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH), Social/Behavioral Science (SB), Foreign Language (FL), or Oral Communication Elective (OC)	3	TBD XXX	
	<b>Subtotal AS Requirement Courses</b>	<b>6</b>		

Students should select courses toward a minor or focus area.

**Category 3: GCTC Electives**

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
FYE 105 or FYE 110	Achieving Academic Success or First Year Experience and Applications	3	UNV 100T	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CIT 105 or OST 105*	Introduction to Computers or Introduction to Information Systems	3	INF 101	
Taken at NKU	Select a course toward the NKU major or minor	3	TBS XXX	
Taken at NKU	Select a course toward the NKU major or minor	3	TBS XXX	
TBS XXX	Select an elective or a course toward a minor	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Select an elective or a course toward a minor	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Select an elective or a course toward a minor	3	TBD XXX	
	<b>Subtotal Elective Courses</b>	<b>21</b>		
	<b>Total Associate Degree Hours</b>	<b>61</b>		

\*If completing digital literacy using other means (like FYE 110), additional credits will be required in order to fulfill elective requirements.

### Northern Kentucky University

#### Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Law

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
LAW 101	Introduction to the Law	3	Taken at NKU	x
LAW 201	Critical Thinking and Legal Reasoning	3		
LAW 291W	Writing in Legal Context	3	Taken at NKU	x
LAW 301	Common Law	3		
LAW 302	Criminal Law	3		
LAW 307	Constitutional Law	3		
LAW 335	Legal Research	3		
LAW 370	Conflict Analysis and Resolution	3		
LAW 375	Perspectives on Law	3		
LAW 435	Advanced Legal Writing	3		
Select:	Choose 15 credit hours from the following:	18		
LAW 496	Internship: Law (0-6 credits)			
LAW 220	Legal Crossroads: Ethics in Action			
LAW 294	Special Topics in Law			
LAW 303	Criminal Procedure (3 credits)			
LAW 309	Civil Rights (3 credits)			
LAW 325	Environmental Law (3 credits)			
LAW 340	Law and Artificial Intelligence			
LAW 380	Legal History (3 credits)			
LAW 394	Family Law (3 credits)			
LAW 404	Special Topics in Law			
LAW 405	Evidence Preparation and Courtroom			
LAW 410	Testimony			
LAW 420	Financial Institutions and the Law			
LAW 450	Immigration Law			

<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>GCTC Course</b>	<b>Taken at GCTC</b>
LAW 480 LAW 485 LAW 492	Employment Law (3 credits) Mock Trial Sports and the Law Appellate Advocacy Research: Law (0-3 credits)			
	<b>Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU</b>	<b>33</b>		
	<b>Subtotal Credit Hours at GCTC</b>	<b>61</b>		
	<b>Total Major Credit Hours</b>	<b>45</b>		

**Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU**

<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>GCTC Course</b>	<b>Taken at GCTC</b>
	<b>Subtotal Focus/Minor and Elective Hours</b>	<b>26</b>		
	<b>Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>		

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