TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE
2022-2023

Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice to
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Criminal Justice at a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Criminal Justice at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Applying to the KCTCS2NKU 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 a KCTCS institution, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at their KCTCS institution.

Degree Requirements for KCTCS

1) Minimum cumulative GPA 2.0, 2) minimum of 25 percent of credit hours required for the degree earned at the institution awarding the degree, and 3) demonstration of digital literacy.

Progression in the Criminal Justice program at KCTCS is contingent upon the achievement of a grade of "C-" or better in each CRJ course and maintenance of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or better (on a 4.0 scale). The grading scale for criminal justice courses with a Pass/Fail scale, the grade of "P or Pass" meets the requirement for the Criminal Justice Program. Criminal Justice Program Certificates are embedded in the Criminal Justice AAS Degree.

Student will be General Education Certified upon completion of the following courses at KCTCS, and no additional general education courses will be required upon transfer to NKU.

Admission Requirements to NKU

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

This major can be completed face-to-face or online. If completed fully online, courses are offered in seven-week formats. Tuition for online accelerated programs differs from face-to-face tuition.

Scholarship pricing is available to KCTCS students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Criminal Justice Accelerated Online program](#).

Degree Requirements for NKU

To earn a bachelor's degree at NKU, students must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours with at least 45 credit hours numbered 300 and above. In addition, at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree and the last 30 credit hours must be completed at NKU. Students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. Students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway.

Students majoring in criminal justice must earn at least a C- in each course counted as part of the major. At least 24 hours of JUS courses must be earned in residence at NKU.

General Transfer Information

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

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 $2,500 annual scholarships ($1,250 per fall and spring). 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.

KCTCS AAS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE TO NKU BA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHECKLIST

Kentucky Community and Technical College System Institution

Category 1: KCTCS General Education Requirements

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
ENG 102	Writing II (WC)	3	ENG 102	
COM 181 or COM 252	Basic Public Speaking (OC) or Intro to Interpersonal Communication (OC)	3	CMST 101 or CMST 220	
MAT 150 or MAT 151 or STA 151 or MAT 161	College Algebra (QR) or Intro to Applied Statistics (QR) or Intro to Applied Statistics (QR) or Statistics and Algebra (QR)	3	(MAT 102 or MAT 103) + MAT 100T or STA 100G or STA 100G or (MAT 101 + MAT 102)	
TBS XXX	Natural Science with Lab (SL)	3-4	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Heritage/Humanities Course (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
POL 101 or POL 255	American Government (SB) State Government (SB)	3	PSC 100 or PSC 101	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (SB)	3	SOC 100	
STA 220 or STA 251	Elective: Statistics (QR) or Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 205	
TBS XXX	Elective: Heritage/Humanities Course (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	**33**		

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

A grade of A or B in MAT 150 equates to MAT 103 + MAT 100T. Grade of C or D in MAT 150 equates to MAT 102 + MAT 100T.

STA 251 equates to STA 205 only with the completion of MAT 151, STA 151 or MAT 161.

Category 2: KCTCS AAS Requirements for Criminal Justice

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
DIL XXX	Digital Literacy	3		
CRJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	JUS 101	
CRJ 202	Issues and Ethics in Criminal Justice	3	JUS 294	
CRJ 204	Criminal Investigations	3	JUS 204	
CRJ 216	Criminal Law	3	JUS 294	
CRJ 217	Criminal Procedures	3	JUS 294	
CRJ 295	Criminal Justice Capstone	1	JUS 294	
	Choose three criminal justice track electives (see catalog). Suggested:			
CRJ 102	Introduction to Corrections	3	JUS 201	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CRJ 215	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3	JUS 200	
CRJ 230	Criminal Justice Courtroom Procedures	3	JUS 203	
	Technical Elective	0-3		
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	**28**		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	**61**		

Students must demonstrate computer/digital literacy skills, either through completing a course or passing a test.

Northern Kentucky University

Students can transfer a maximum of 12 hours to be applied to the Criminal Justice Program Core Requirements. Students can transfer a maximum of 9 credit hours of lower division elective courses to be applied to the Secondary Requirements. A minimum of 24 credit hours of criminal justice courses must be completed at NKU.

Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for BA in Criminal Justice (24 hours)

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
JUS 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CRJ 100	X
JUS 200	Police in America	3	CRJ 215	X
JUS 201	Corrections in America	3	CRJ 102	X
JUS 203	The Criminal Court System	3	CRJ 230	X
JUS 300	Juvenile Justice	3		
JUS 301	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3		
JUS 315	Criminal Justice Research Methods	3		
JUS 317	Perspectives on Crime	3		

Category 4: NKU Secondary Requirements for BA in Criminal Justice (24 hours)

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
JUS 204	Criminal Investigation	3	CRJ 204	X
JUS 294	Topics: Justice Studies	6	CRJ 202 OR CRJ 216 OR CRJ 217 OR CRJ 295	X
JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX	Select 5 additional courses (15 credit hours) from the JUS electives list in catalog. 15 credit hours must be at the 300-level or above.	15		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at KCTCS	**21**		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU	**27**		
	Total credit hours required for the major	**48**		

Note: KCTCS' CRJ 295 is only 1 credit hour toward Topics: Justice Studies.

Category 5: NKU Additional Requirements

	Category	Credits		
	Subtotal Minor/Focus Credit Hours:	**12-24**		
	Subtotal Elective Credit Hours (need 300+ level):	**8-20**		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	**120**		

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