TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE
2022-2023

Associate in Arts to
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Overview
Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA) at a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science 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) 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) cultural studies course, 5) demonstration of digital literacy, and 6) 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 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, earn at least a C- in each course counted toward the major, and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. Students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway.

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 AA TO NKU BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE CHECKLIST

Kentucky Community and Technical College System Institution

Category 1: KCTCS General Education Core 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	
TBS XXX	Oral Communication (OC)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Humanities	3	TBS XXX	
POL 101	American Government (SB)	3	PSC 100	
POL 235	World Politics (SB)	3	PSC 103	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB) (Not POL)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course with Lab (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR) or Natural Sciences (NS)	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Core Courses	**34**		

TBS XXX means to be selected by KCTCS 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: KCTCS AA Requirements

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH), Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB), Oral Communication (OC), or Foreign Language	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH), Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB), Oral Communication (OC), or Foreign Language	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal AA Requirement Courses	**6**		

Category 3: KCTCS Electives

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
	Digital Literacy	0-3		
	First-Year Experience	0-3		
POL 271	Political Behavior	3	PSC 310	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Elective	3-9	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	**21**		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	**61**		

Degree Requirement: One course must be selected from the KCTCS identified Cultural Studies course list in the KCTCS catalog.

It is recommended that students in the Gateway2NKU, MCTC2NKU and Jefferson2NKU programs use four of their electives to take the following NKU courses toward the major: PSC 102, PSC 110, PSC 215, and either PSC 301 or PSC 311. Students should work with their NKU advisor before enrolling in these courses. Please note that these courses are typically only offered in certain semesters, face-to-face, and during the day.

Northern Kentucky University

Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for Political Science

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
PSC 100	American Politics	3	POL 101	x
PSC 102	Comparative Politics	3		
PSC 103	International Politics	3	POL 235	x
PSC 110	Political Ideas	3		
PSC 215	Scope and Methods	3		
PSC 301 OR PSC 311	American Political Institutions OR Political Parties and Interest Groups	3		
PSC 310 OR PSC 319	Political Behavior OR Public Opinion	3	POL 271	x
PSC 312 OR PSC 372	Modern Ideologies OR Modern Political Theory	3		
PSC 403 OR PSC 415	Politics in Action OR United States Foreign Policy	3		
PSC 410 OR PSC 470	International Political Economy OR Globalization	3		
PSC 465 OR PSC 485	Democratization OR Comparative Foreign Policies	3		
TBS XXX TBS XXX TBS XXX TBS XXX	Select 12 hours of upper level electives (300/400-level PSC courses), which can include PSC 204 (formerly PSC 304). Students can also count three hours total of elective credit from PSC 392 (directed research), PSC 496 (internship) or PSC 499 (directed readings).	12		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU	**36**		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at KCTCS Institution	**9**		
	Total Major Credit Hours	**45**		

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
	Subtotal Minor Credit Hours Taken at NKU	**12-24**		
	Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours	**0-12**		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	**120**		

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