TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE
2023-2024

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) degree at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science 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) cultural competence 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 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 $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.

GCTC AA TO NKU BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 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	
ENG 102	Writing II (WC)	3	ENG 102	
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	
POL 101	American Government (SB)	3	PSC 100	
POL 235	World Politics (SB)	3	PSC 103	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Science (SB) – not POL	3	TBD XXX	
MAT 151	Introduction to Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 100G	
STA 251	Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 205	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	**34**		

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.

STA 251 equates to STA 205 only with the completion of MAT 151. This course is recommended for political science majors to fulfill the Quantitative Reasoning general education category.

Category 2: GCTC AA Requirements

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

Students should consult with their Gateway advisor to select courses that can count toward the NKU major or minor.

Category 3: GCTC Electives

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CIT 105 or OST 105	Introduction to Computers or Intro to Information Systems	0-3	BIS 101	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
FYE 105	Achieving Academic Success	3	UNV 100T	
Taken at NKU	Comparative Politics	3	PSC 102	
Taken at NKU	Political Ideas	3	PSC 110	
Taken at NKU	Scope and Methods	3	PSC 215	
POL 271	Introduction to Political Behavior	3	PSC 310	
TBS XXX	Political Science Elective	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	**21**		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	**61**		

If completing digital literacy using other means, additional credits will be required in order to fulfill elective requirements.

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

Students enrolled in the Gateway2NKU program are eligible to take courses at NKU that are not offered at GCTC or online through KCTCS. Please note that PSC 110, PSC 215, and PSC 310 are typically only offered in certain semesters, face-to-face, and during the day. With the help of your NKU and Gateway advisors, you may choose another elective course that will help you complete your degree. This includes both major requirements as well as those for a minor.

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Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for BA in Political Science

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
PSC 100	American Politics	3	POL 101	x
PSC 102	Comparative Politics	3	NKU Course	x
PSC 103	International Politics	3	POL 235	x
PSC 110	Political Ideas	3	NKU Course	x
PSC 215	Scope and Methods	3	NKU Course	x
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	12		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
	credit from PSC 392 (directed research), PSC 496 (internship) or PSC 499 (directed readings).			
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU	**27**		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at GCTC	**18**		
	Total Major Credit Hours	**45**		

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTCS Course	Taken at GCTC
	Subtotal Minor Credit Hours Taken at NKU	**12-24**		
	Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours	**8-20**		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	**120**		

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