



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

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. 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 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	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
MAT 151	Introduction to Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 100G	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR) or Natural Science (NS)	3	TBD XXX	
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
Taken at NKU	Comparative Politics	3	PSC 102	
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	Introduction to Computers or	3	INF 101	

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OST 105*	Intro to Information Systems			
FYE 105 or FYE 110	Achieving Academic Success or First Year Experience and Applications	3	UNV 100T	
Taken at NKU	Scope and Methods	3	PSC 215	
Taken at NKU	Political Science Elective or Course Toward Minor	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Political Science Elective or Course Toward Minor	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX and can be Taken at NKU	Political Science Elective or Course Toward Minor	6	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	21		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	61		

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

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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	Taken at NKU	x
PSC 103	International Politics	3	POL 235	x
PSC 215	Scope and Methods	3	Taken at NKU	x
Select 1: PSC 312 PSC 372	Select one Political Theory course: Modern Ideologies Modern Political Theory	3		
Select 1: PSC 301 PSC 310 PSC 311 PSC 319	Select one Political Institutions and Behavior course: American Political Institutions Political Behavior Political Parties and Interest Groups Public Opinion	3		x
Select 1: PSC 335 PSC 366 PSC 388 PSC 465	Select one Comparative Politics course: Politics of Latin America Politics of Africa Politics of Asia Democratization	3		
Select 1: PSC 410 PSC 415 PSC 480 PSC 486	Select one International Politics course: International Policy Economy United States Foreign Policy International Law Conflict and Security	3		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
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). At least one elective must be a study abroad course, internship (PSC 496), or research course (defined by the University as 392 or S-designation). 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	18		
	Subtotal Credit Hours Taken at GCTC	61		
	Total Major Credit Hours	36		

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTCS Course	Taken at GCTC
	Subtotal Minor and Elective Credit Hours Taken at NKU	41		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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