



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for an Associate in Arts (AA) at a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Philosophy 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) demonstration of digital literacy, and 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 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 meet prerequisites for all courses. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 for courses that count towards the major as well as an overall GPA of 2.0. 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 PHILOSOPHY 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	
PHI 100	Intro to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality (AH)	3	PHI 110	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course with Lab (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
PHI 250	Symbolic Logic (QR)	3	PHI 265	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course (SL) OR Quantitative Reasoning Course (QR)	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
PHI 150	Business Ethics	3	PHI 308	
PHI 170	Philosophy of Religion	3	PHI 350	
	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		
PHI 130 or PHI 110	Ethics or Medical Ethics	3	PHI 200 or PHI 220	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	

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

Students in the Gateway2NKU, MCTC2NKU and Jefferson2NKU programs may choose to use four of their electives to take NKU courses toward the major. Students should work with their NKU advisor before enrolling in these courses.

Northern Kentucky University

Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Philosophy

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
PHI 110 or PHI 181	Philosophy, Individuals and Society or Philosophers, Cultures and Creativity	3	PHI 100 or PHI 160	x
PHI 200 or PHI 220	Introduction to Ethics or Health Care Ethics	3	PHI 130 or PHI 110	x
PHI 265	Logic	3	PHI 250	x
PHI 281	Careers and Philosophy	0-1		
PHI 305 or PHI 393	Existentialism or History of Philosophy	3		
PHI 315 or PHI 345	Knowledge and Reality or AI & Philosophy of Mind	3		
PHI 491	Philosophy Capstone	0		
TBS XXX	Select any philosophy courses not fulfilling requirements above, at least four of which must be at the 300 or 400 level and up to one of which may come from non-philosophy courses with approval of the program director.	15	PHI 150 PHI 170	x Need 9 additional credits
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	15-16		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at KCTCS	15		
	Total Major Credit Hours	30-31		

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	19-32		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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