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## TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

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### TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Arts to  
Bachelor of Arts in History with a Social Studies Minor and Secondary Education

#### ***Overview***

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA) degree at a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) institution and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in History with a Social Studies Minor and Secondary Education degree 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 their 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.

In addition, students must meet the following requirements for admission into Education. Courses in parentheses are KCTCS course equivalencies.

- A minimum overall GPA of 2.75
- A minimum grade of "B" in CMST 101 (COM 181) and ENG 102 (ENG 102)
- A minimum grade of "C" in all other pre-admission courses and required EDU and EDS courses which include EDU 300 (EDP 202), EDU 305 (EDU 201), EDU 313 (EDU 204), and

EDS 360 (EDP 203).

- Meet the entrance exam requirement through an approved combination of passing scores on the ACT and/or Praxis I Core Academic Skills for Educators exams
    - o ACT Comp. 22 -OR-
    - o Reading (ACT: 20 -or- Praxis I: 156) and
    - o Eng./Writing (ACT: 18 -or- Praxis I: 162) and
    - o Mathematics (ACT: 19 -or- Praxis I: 150)
- ACT scores must be less than 5 years old at time of admissions semester
- Pass criminal background check
  - 60 semester hours completed
  - An acceptable portfolio
  - A completed application to the Teacher Education 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 majoring in Secondary Education must maintain a GPA of 2.75 overall and in major courses and earn a minimum grade of C in all education courses. Students must meet the pre-requisites for each course. Students wishing to be certified to teach Social Studies at the secondary level must complete the requirements for the B.A. in History with a minor in Social Studies and Secondary Education Certification. No minor is required for this major.

### ***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 HISTORY WITH A SOCIAL STUDIES MINOR AND SECONDARY  
EDUCATION CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

**Kentucky Community and Technical College System**

**Category 1: KCTCS General Education Requirements**

<b>KCTCS Course</b>	<b>Course or Category</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Completed</b>
ENG 101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
ENG 102	Writing II (WC)	3	ENG 102	
COM 181	Basic Public Speaking (OC)	3	CMST 101	
HIS 101	World Civilization I (AH)	3	HIS 108	
TBS XXX	Arts and Humanities (AH) Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (SB)	3	SOC 100	
POL 101	American Government (SB)	3	PSC 100	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course with Lab (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning or Natural Science (QR/NS)	3	TBD XXX	
	<b>Subtotal General Education Courses</b>	<b>34</b>		

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**

<b>KCTCS Course</b>	<b>Course or Category</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Completed</b>
HIS 108	History of the United States Through 1865	3	HIS 102	
HIS 109	History of the United States Since 1865	3	HIS 103	
	<b>Subtotal AA Requirement Courses</b>	<b>6</b>		

**Category 3: KCTCS Electives**

<b>KCTCS Course</b>	<b>Course or Category</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>NKU Course</b>	<b>Completed</b>
	First-Year Experience	0-3		
EDU 201	Introduction to American Education	3	EDU 305 + EDU 300T	
EDU 204	Technology in the Classroom	3	EDU 313	
EDP 202	Human Development and Learning	3	EDU 300	
EDP 203	Teaching Exceptional Learners in Regular Classrooms	3	EDS 360	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
HIS 102	World Civilization II	3	HIS 109	
GEO 152	Regional Geography of the World	3	GEO 101	
Choose 1: ANT 160 ECO 201 ECO 202 HIS 202 HIS 203 HIS 206 HIS 207 HIS 221 HIS 240 HIS 265 HIS 271 POL 271 PSY 223 PSY 298  SOC 235 SOC 260	Choose one course from the following: Cultural Diversity in the Modern World Principles of Microeconomics Principles of Macroeconomics History of the British People to the Restoration History of the British People Since Restoration History of Colonial Latin America History of Modern Latin America, 1810 to Present Native American History: 1865 to Present History of Kentucky History of Women in America Medieval Europe Introduction to Political Behavior Lifespan Psychology Fundamentals of Psychopathology Inequality in Society Population, Resources and Change	3	ANT 100 ECO 101 ECO 100 HIS 353 HIS 355 HIS 325 HIS 326 HIS 394 HIS 382 HIS 445 HIS 394 PSC 310 PSY 321 PSY 333 SOC 307 SOC 340	
	<b>Subtotal Elective Courses</b>	<b>21-24</b>		
	<b>TOTAL Associate Degree Hours</b>	<b>61-64</b>		

### Northern Kentucky University

#### Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for BA in History with Social Studies Minor and Secondary Education

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
EDU 104	Orientation: Education Profession/Program	1		
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	EDP 202	x
EDU 304 or EDU 354	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum: Middle Grades or Read/Write Across Curriculum-Secondary	3		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 201	x
EDU 311	Admission Field Experience Secondary	2		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	x
EDU 319	Classroom Climate Management Secondary	1		
EDU 324	Fundamentals of Secondary Education	1		
EDU 325	Educational Assessment Secondary	2		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
EDU 331	Teaching Social Studies in Secondary School	3		
EDU 393	Secondary Field Experience I	2		
EDU 396	Secondary Field Experience II	2		
EDU 496	Clinical Experience Secondary	12		
EDS 324	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Secondary Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	EDP 203	x
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COM 181	x
HIS 102	History of the United States Through 1877	3	HIS 108	x
HIS 103	History of the United States Since 1877	3	HIS 109	x
HIS 108	World History to 1500	3	HIS 101	x
HIS 109	World History Since 1500	3	HIS 102	x
HIS 111	Global Viewpoints in History	3		
HIS 291W	Advanced Historical Writing	3		
HIS 385	Historical Research	3		
TBS XXX	Students must complete 18 hours of upper-division HIS courses (300 level or above).	18	HIS 202 HIS 203 HIS 206 HIS 207 HIS 221 HIS 240 HIS 265 HIS 271	Option for 1 course
ANT 100 or ANT 201	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or World Cultures	3	ANT 101	Option
ECO 100 or ECO 101 or ECO 205	Principles of Macroeconomics or Principles of Microeconomics or Economics for Teachers	3	ECO 202 ECO 201	Option
GEO 100 or GEO 101	Global Viewpoints on Geography and the Human Landscape or World Regional Geography	3	GEO 101 GEO 152	x
PSC 100	American Politics	3	POL 101	x
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 101	x
TBS XXX	Select six credit hours 300 level or above from the following disciplines: ANT, BLS, ECO, GEO, PSC, PSY, SOC, or WGS	6	POL 271 PSY 223 PSY 298 SOC 235 SOC 260	Option for 1 course
	<b>Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU</b>	<b>68</b>		
	<b>Subtotal Major Credit Hours at KCTCS</b>	<b>41</b>		
	<b>Total Major Credit Hours</b>	<b>109</b>		
	<b>Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours</b>	<b>129-132</b>		

*Students pursuing a secondary education degree may also choose to concurrently complete a third major in special education. Students who enroll in the special education major are not required to take EDS 360 Students with Exceptionalities in School and can replace EDP 203 with another course at the KCTCS institution.*

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