

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with 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 Spanish with 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 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 Spanish at the secondary level must complete the requirements for the B.A. in Secondary Education along with the requirements for a B.A. in Spanish. 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 SPANISH WITH SECONDARY EDUCATION CHECKLIST

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Category 1: KCTCS General Education 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	
COM 181	Basic Public Speaking (OC)	3	CMST 101	
HIS 206 or	History of Colonial Latin America or		HIS 325	
HIS 207 or	History of Modern Latin America or	3	HIS 326	
TBS XXX	Arts and Humanities (AH) Heritage		TBD XXX	
ENG 261 or	Survey of Western Literature from the Greeks		ENG 206	
	Through the Renaissance or			
ENG 262 or	Survey of Western Literature from 1660 to the	3	ENG 207	
	Present or			
TBS XXX	Arts and Humanities (AH) Humanities		TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB) (different discipline from other SB course)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning or Natural Science (QR/NS)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course with Lab (SL) (different discipline from other NS course)	4	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education 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
SPA 101	Elementary Spanish I	4	SPI 101	
SPA 102	Elementary Spanish II	4	SPI 102	
	Subtotal AA Requirement Courses	8		

Category 3: KCTCS Electives

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
	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	
SPA 201	Intermediate Spanish I	3	SPI 201	
SPA 202	Intermediate Spanish II	3	SPI 202	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	18-21		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	60-63		

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Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Spanish with 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	х
EDU 304	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum:			
or	Middle Grades or	3		
EDU 354	Read/Write Across Curriculum-Secondary			
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 201	х
EDU 311	Admission Field Experience Secondary	2		
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	х
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society	3		
EDU 319	Classroom Climate Management Secondary	1		
EDU 324	Fundamentals of Secondary Education	1		
EDU 325	Educational Assessment Secondary	2		
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	х
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	Х
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COM 181	Х
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENG 102	Х
SPI 201	Intermediate Spanish I	3	SPA 201	Х

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
SPI 202	Intermediate Spanish II	3	SPA 202	Х
SPI 304	Spanish Composition and Conversation	3		
SPI 402	Advanced Spanish Grammar and Syntax	3		
SPI 480	Studies in Spanish and Spanish-American Culture	3		
SPI 481	Studies in Spanish-American Literature	3		
WLL 400	World Languages Program Assessment	0		
WLL 450	Methods of Teaching World Languages	3		
Select 2:	Select two Culture Study courses:			
SPI 294	Topics in Spanish for the Professions			
SPI 307	Introduction to Spanish Translation			
SPI 310	Spanish Culture and Civilization			
SPI 311	Spanish-American Culture and Civilization	6		
SPI 330	Studies in Spanish Language Cinema			
SPI 340	Business Spanish			
SPI 480	Studies in Spanish and Spanish-American Culture			
SPI 520	Readings in Spanish			
Select 2:	Select two Literary Study courses:			
SPI 320	Survey of Peninsular Spanish Literature			
SPI 321	Survey of Spanish-American Literature			
SPI 322	Hispanic Drama	6		
SPI 323	Hispanic Prose Fiction			
SPI 481	Studies in Spanish and Spanish-American			
	Literature			
SPI 520	Readings in Spanish			
Select 1:	Select one Interdisciplinary course:			
ANT 245	Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean			
ANT 275	Language and Culture			
ANT 360	Mesoamerican Indians			
CIN 301	Survey of World Cinema			
CIN 201	Survey of World Cinema		ENG 282	
ENG 206	Western World Literature I		ENG 261	
ENG 207	Western World Literature II		ENG 262	
ENG 350	Critical Theory	3		х
ENG 381	Introduction to Linguistics		HIS 207	
HIS 326	Latin America: Nations & Revolutions			
HIS 365	Ancient European Military History			
HIS 471	Medieval and Early Modern Europe			
HIS 472	Modern and Contemporary Europe			
MGT 360	Comparative International Management			
PSC 330	Politics of Europe			
PSC 335	Politics of Latin America			
Select 1:	Select one Elective course:			
SPI XXX	SPI course above the 202 level not previously	3		
	taken or a repeatable topics course with a			
	different topic			

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
SPI 294	Topics in Spanish for the Professions			
WWL 396	World Languages and Literatures Internship			
WWL 450	Methods of Teaching World Languages			
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	62		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at KCTCS	29		
	Total Major Credit Hours	91		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	122-125		

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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