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## TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

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### TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

#### Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Science in Sociology

##### ***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 Science (BS) in Sociology 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 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.

This major can be completed face-to-face or online. If completed fully online, courses are offered in seven-week formats. Tuition for online accelerated programs differs from face-to-face tuition. Scholarship pricing is available to KCTCS students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Sociology Accelerated Online 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 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 KCTCS.

**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 BS in SOCIOLOGY 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    |           |
| TBS XXX      | Arts & Humanities (AH) – Humanities                               | 3         | TBD XXX    |           |
| SOC 101      | Introduction to Sociology (SB)                                    | 3         | SOC 100    |           |
| SOC 235      | Inequality in Society (SB) (CS)                                   | 3         | SOC 307    |           |
| TBS XXX      | Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB) – not SOC                | 3         | TBD XXX    |           |
| TBS XXX      | Quantitative Reasoning (QR)                                       | 3         | TBD XXX    |           |
| TBS XXX      | Natural Science w/ Lab (SL)                                       | 4         | TBD XXX    |           |
| TBS XXX      | Natural Science Course (NS) or Quantitative Reasoning Course (QR) | 3         | TBD XXX    |           |
|              | <b>Subtotal General Education Core 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

| KCTCS Course | Course or Category                     | Credits  | NKU Course | Completed |
|--------------|----------------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| SOC 260      | Population, Resources and Change       | 3        | SOC 340    |           |
| SOC 250      | Sociology of Popular Culture           | 3        | SOC 335    |           |
|              | <b>Subtotal AA Requirement Courses</b> | <b>6</b> |            |           |

#### Category 3: KCTCS Electives

| KCTCS Course | Course or Category          | Credits | NKU Course | Completed |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------|-----------|
|              | Digital Literacy            | 0-3     |            |           |
|              | First-Year Experience       | 0-3     |            |           |
| CRJ 277      | Introduction to Criminology | 3       | SOC 305    |           |
| 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    |           |
|              | <b>Subtotal Elective Courses</b>    | <b>21</b> |            |           |
|              | <b>Total Associate Degree Hours</b> | <b>61</b> |            |           |

Students in the Gateway2NKU, MCTC2NKU and Jefferson2NKU programs may choose to use up to four of their electives to take NKU courses toward the bachelor's degree. Work with your NKU advisor to schedule these courses. All students may choose to use electives to take courses KCTCS courses toward their selected minor. Students should work with their KCTCS and NKU advisors to choose a minor and enroll in these courses.

### Northern Kentucky University

#### Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for BS in Sociology

| NKU Course | Course                                                                                                                       | Credits   | KCTCS Course                             | Taken at KCTCS                 |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SOC 100    | Introduction to Sociology                                                                                                    | 3         | SOC 101                                  | x                              |
| SOC 281    | Careers in Sociology                                                                                                         | 1         |                                          |                                |
| SOC 319    | Managing and Analyzing Databases                                                                                             | 3         |                                          |                                |
| SOC 320    | Social Research                                                                                                              | 3         |                                          |                                |
| SOC 330    | Classical Sociological Theory                                                                                                | 3         |                                          |                                |
| SOC 493    | Sociology Senior Seminar                                                                                                     | 2         |                                          |                                |
| SOC XXX    | Select any seven sociology courses not fulfilling requirements above, at least six of which must be at the 300 or 400 level. | 21        | CRJ 277<br>SOC 235<br>SOC 250<br>SOC 260 | x<br>Need 9 additional credits |
|            | <b>Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU</b>                                                                                    | <b>21</b> |                                          |                                |
|            | <b>Subtotal Major Credit Hours at GCTC</b>                                                                                   | <b>15</b> |                                          |                                |
|            | <b>Total Major Credit Hours</b>                                                                                              | <b>36</b> |                                          |                                |

#### Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

| NKU Course | Course                                          | Credits      | KCTCS Course | Taken at KCTCS |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
|            | <b>Subtotal Minor Credit Hours Taken at NKU</b> | <b>12-24</b> |              |                |
|            | <b>Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours</b>  | <b>14-26</b> |              |                |
|            | <b>Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours</b>  | <b>120</b>   |              |                |

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