

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

2025-2026

Associate of Arts in Communication Studies at Sinclair College to a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies at Northern Kentucky University

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Arts (AA) in Communication Studies degree at Sinclair College and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Communication Studies degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Degree Requirements for Sinclair College

To earn a degree at Sinclair College, a student must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, and earn a minimum of 20 credit hours at Sinclair College.

Admission Requirements for 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 Sinclair College students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Communication Studies Accelerated Online program](#).

Tuition and Scholarships

For information on tuition and scholarships, please visit <https://nku.edu/admissions/adult/online.html>.

NKU Contact

For more information, students should contact Kim McCoy, Assistant Director of Transfer Services, at mccoyk8@nku.edu.

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 an overall GPA of 2.0, earn a C- or better in all major and minor courses, and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. Students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway.

**SINCLAIR COLLEGE AA IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES TO
NKU BA IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES CHECKLIST**

Sinclair College

Category 1: Sinclair Requirements for the AA in Communication Studies

Sinclair Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
BIS 1120	Introduction to Software Applications	3	ISBA 101	
COM 2201	Introduction to Mass Communication	3	JOU 110	
COM 2206	Interpersonal Communication	3	CMST 220	
COM 2211	Effective Public Speaking	3	CMST 101	
COM 2220	Introduction to Communication Theory	3	CMST 430	
COM 2225	Small Group Communication	3	CMST 230	
COM 2278	Communication Capstone	1	CMST 200T	
ENG 1101	English Composition I	3	ENG 101	
ENG 1201	English Composition II	3	ENG 102	
SCC 1101	First Year Experience	1	UNV 101	
TBS XXX	Communication/Journalism Elective	6	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective	6	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Natural & Physical Sciences Elective	6	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Mathematics	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Arts & Humanities Elective	6	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Any Group	6	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Any Course in Catalog Elective Suggestions to meet NKU requirement: CIS 1350: Web Site Development with HTML & CSS (equates to INF 286) ENG 1131: Business Writing (equates to ENG 340) MAN 2150: Management & Organizational Behavior (equates to MGT 205) MRK 2100: Foundations of Marketing (equates to MKT 205)	3	TBD XXX	
Total Associate Degree Hours		62		

TBS XXX means to be selected by Sinclair College student.

TBD XXX means to be determined by NKU based on course selected at Sinclair College.

Northern Kentucky University

Category 2: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Communication Studies

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
INF 100	Orientation to College of Informatics	1		
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COM 2211	x
CMST 220	Interpersonal Communication	3	COM 2206	x
CMST 230	Small Group Communication	3	COM 2225	x
CMST 300	Research Methods in Communication Studies	3		
CMST 303	Organizational Communication	3		
CMST 305 or CMST 440	Business and Professional Communication or Communication Training and Development	3		
CMST 310 or CMST 340	Argumentation or Strategies of Persuasion	3		
CMST 355	Culture and Communication	3		
CMST 370	Advanced Public Speaking	3		
CMST 430	Communication Theories	3	COM 2220	x
CMST XXX	Select 6 credit hours of 200/300/400-level CMST courses	6		
TBS XXX	Select 3 credit hours of CMST, DFX, EMB, HCOM, JOU, POP, PRE, or COM course not used as a general education course	3		
Select 2: ISBA 101 CMST 396 ENG 340 ENG 347 INF 286 JOU 220 JOU 305 LDR 300 MGT 205 MKT 205 PRE 305	Select two courses from the following: Fundamentals of Business Computing Internship: Communication Business Writing Technical Writing Introduction to Web Development News Writing Science in the Media Foundations of Leadership Business Management Principles Principles of Marketing Digital Media Strategies and Metrics	6	BIS 1120 ENG 1131 CIS 1350 MAN 2150 MRK 2100	x (Need one course in addition to BIS 1120)
	Total NKU Major Credit Hours	46		
	Less Major Credit Hours from Sinclair	15		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	31		

Category 3: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
	Subtotal Minor Credit Hours Taken at NKU	12-24		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
	Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours	3-15		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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