

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

2025-2026

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

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Arts (AA) degree at Sinclair College and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Interdisciplinary 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. The General Studies Track is available only in the accelerated online format and is open to students with at least 60 credit hours. Visit our website for more information about the [Interdisciplinary Studies Accelerated Online program](#). Additional information is also available in our [Student Handbook](#) or the online [flipbook for BAIS](#).

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 and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major.

Degree requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies:

- 1) Student must earn a minimum average GPA 2.0 across all major coursework

- 2) Student must earn at least a C- in each course for any minor or area of specialty, and a 2.0 (C average) in each minor or area of specialty. Some minors require higher GPAs/grade minimums. The higher standard applies.)
- 3) Student must complete minors or areas of specialty in three different academic programs.
- 4) At least one content area must be chosen from the College of Arts and Sciences.
- 5) Student must complete the introductory experience, IST 185, and the capstone experiences, (IST 397 & IST 497).
- 6) No additional minor or area of specialty is required beyond the three used to complete the degree requirements.
- 7) No course can count in more than one area of specialty or minor.

Degree requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies – General Studies Track:

- 1) Student must earn a minimum average GPA 2.0 across all major coursework.
- 2) Student must complete an area of specialty.
- 3) Student must earn at least a C- in each course in the area of specialty, and a 2.0 (C average) in the area of specialty.
- 4) Student must complete IST 185, IST 397, and one capstone course in any discipline (can be IST 497).
- 5) No additional minor or area of specialty is required.

Students within this pathway are **strongly** encouraged to work closely with their assigned NKU advisor to determine their areas of specialty and to determine the best classes to take at Sinclair College to facilitate a smooth transfer into those areas of specialty.

SINCLAIR COLLEGE AA TO NKU BA IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES CHECKLIST

Sinclair College

Category 1: Sinclair Requirements for the AA

Sinclair Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
COM 2206 or COM 2211 or COM 2225	Interpersonal Communication or Effective Public Speaking or Small Group Communication	3	CMST 220 CMST 101 CMST 230	
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	Ohio Transfer 36: Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective	9	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	9	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Multicultural Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Any Course in Catalog Elective	20	TBD XXX	
Total Associate Degree Hours		60		

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 Interdisciplinary Studies

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
IST 185	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies	3		
IST 397	Interdisciplinary Inquiry	3		
	Integrated Studies Track			
	Choose first area of specialty from Arts and Sciences (plus pre-requisites as needed)	12+		
	Choose second area of specialty (plus pre- requisites, as needed)	12+		
	Choose third area of specialty (plus pre-requisites, as needed)	12+		
IST 497	Capstone in Interdisciplinary Studies	3		
	General Studies Track			
	Choose one area of specialty (plus pre-requisites, as needed)	12+		
TBS XXX	Choose one capstone course in any discipline (can be IST 497)	3		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
	Total Major Credit Hours Still Needed (some credits can be completed at Ivy Tech)	21-45		

Category 3: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
	Subtotal Prerequisite & Elective Credit Hours (may need some credit hours at the 300/400 level)	15-39		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

Integrated Studies Track

Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS) – Integrated Studies Track must complete minors or areas of specialty in three disciplinary or interdisciplinary programs. The requirements for a minor in any program are listed in the relevant department's pages in the catalog. An area of specialty is defined as 12 credit hours at the 300 level or above in any disciplinary or interdisciplinary program (major or minor). The three areas of study must include at least one area from the College of Arts and Sciences.

We also require IST 185, an introduction to Interdisciplinary studies, and IST 497, the capstone course, which involves both a portfolio of artifacts and an Interdisciplinary final project.

Through the pathway program a student can attain an Associate's degree from Sinclair College and then transfer to NKU to complete a Bachelor's degree. In the Interdisciplinary Studies program students work with advisors to design their own course of study from across the curriculum and integrate what they learn in a capstone project to find coherence, meaning and value in a personal area of interest. Below are just a few examples of pathways that appeal to many students.

- ***I would be interested in a career as a paralegal, legal assistant or legal administrator.*** A sample plan of study includes an area of specialty in Professional Writing, and areas of specialty in Communication Studies and Philosophy. Other programs of study include History, Political Science, International Studies, English, Anthropology, Law, and Human Resource Management.
- ***I want a career in arts management.*** A sample plan of study includes an area of specialty in one or more of the arts, Public Relations, and Art History. Other programs to consider include English, Professional Writing, History, and Education.
- ***I am interested in environmental issues.*** A sample plan of study includes an area of specialty in Environmental Studies, an area of specialty in Geography, and an area of specialty in Sociology. Other programs to consider include Biology, Chemistry, English, Geology, Environmental Education and Social Justice.
- ***I want to work with family services.*** A sample plan of study includes areas of specialty in Human Services and Addiction, Psychology, and Sociology. Other programs to consider include

Social Work, Education, Women's and Gender Studies, Health Education, Health Science, Black Studies, and Social Justice.

- ***I want to be involved in hospitality, event planning and promotion.*** A sample plan of study includes areas of specialty in Psychology, Public Relations, and Communication Studies. Other programs to consider include Theater, Human Resource Management, Sociology, Organizational Leadership, Professional Writing, and Media Informatics.
- ***I want to write and produce media about popular culture.*** A sample plan of study includes areas of specialty in Cinema Studies, Journalism, and Popular Culture Studies. Other programs to consider include Electronic Media Broadcasting, Anthropology, Music, Art History, and English.

Arts Management. What kinds of careers are available? Operas, symphonies, dance companies, record labels, museums, public radio or television, event promoters, marketing and media relations.

Prerequisites: TAR 160 (Sinclair THE 1106), JOU 110 or EMB 100 (Sinclair COM 2201), JOU 220 (Sinclair JOU 2203), PRE 275 (Sinclair COM 2286), ARTH101 (Sinclair ART 2230) or ARTH 100 (Sinclair ART 2231).

Category 4: NKU Potential Area of Specialty for Arts Management

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
Theatre	TAR 346	Theatre History	3		
Theatre	TAR 347	Dramatic Literature	3		
Theatre	TAR 371	Theater Management (pre-req: TAR 160)	3		
Theatre	TAR 376	Stage Management (pre-req: TAR 160)	3		
Public Relations	PRE 300	Event Planning and Messaging	3		
Public Relations	PRE 350	Music & Entertainment Publicity	3		
Public Relations	PRE 376	Public Relations Writing (pre-req or co-req: PRE 275 and JOU 220)	3		
Public Relations	PRE 377	Public Relations Cases and Campaigns (pre-req: PRE 275)	3		
Art History	ARTH 304	Survey of Asian Art (pre-req: 3 semester hours of ARTH)	3		
Art History	ARTH 349	Women and Art	3	ART 2236	
Art History	ARTH 351	Medieval Art (pre-req: ARTH 100 or ARTH101 or ARTH 304)	3		
Art History	ARTH 355	Art of the Twentieth Century (pre-req: ARTH 100 or ARTH 101 or ARTH 304)	3		
		Total Hours	36		

Environmental Issues. What kinds of careers are available? Government, urban planning, industry, environmental technician, health and safety, park services, environmental education, conservation. The minor in Environmental Studies is recommended (22 hours).

Prerequisites: ENV 110 or BIO123, BIO 150/150L (Sinclair BIO 1171), CHE 120/120L (Sinclair CHE 1211), CHE 121/121L (Sinclair CHE 1221), and SOC 101 or SOC 100 (Sinclair SOC 1101).

Category 5: NKU Potential Area of Specialty for Environmental Issues

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
Environmental Studies	BIO 123	Human Ecology	3		
Environmental Studies	BIO 151 BIO 151L	Biology II and Biology Laboratory II (pre-req: BIO 150)	4	BIO 1272	
Environmental Studies	ENV 308	Science Communication (pre-req: ENV 110 or BIO 151)	3		
Environmental Studies	ENV 350	Environmental Toxicology (pre-req: BIO 151 and CHE 121)	3		
Environmental Studies	ENG 326	Literature and the Environment	3		
Environmental Studies	ANT 345	Environmental Anthropology	3		
Geography	GEO 306	Environmental Resource Management	3		
Geography	GEO 314	Maps & Map Interpretation	3		
Geography	GEO 340	Sustainable Food Systems	3		
Geography	GEO 418	Geo Information Systems	4		
Sociology	SOC 303	Social Psychology (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3		
Sociology	SOC 355	Sociology of the Environment (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3		
Sociology	SOC 371	Environment, Society, and Public Health (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3		
Sociology	SOC 415	Sociology of Planning and Development (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3		
		Total Hours	44		

Hospitality. What kinds of careers are available? Managerial work in hotels, restaurants, tourism industry, travel agency, public relations, travel writer,
Prerequisites: JOU 110 or EMB 100 (Sinclair COM 2201), JOU 220 (Sinclair JOU 2203), CMST 101 (Sinclair COM 2211) or CMST 110, CMST 220 (Sinclair COM 2206), PSY 100 (Sinclair PSY 1100), PRE 275 (Sinclair COM 2286).

Category 6: NKU Potential Area of Specialty for Hospitality

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
Public Relations	PRE 300	Public Relations Event Planning and Messaging	3		
Public Relations	PRE 376	Public Relations Writing (pre-req: PRE 275 and JOU 220)	3		
Public Relations	PRE 396	Public Relations Internship (pre-req: PRE 376)	3		
Public Relations	PRE 400	Public Relations Planning and Account Management (pre-req: PRE 275)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 303	Organizational Communication (pre-req: CMST 101 or CMST 110)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 320	Advanced Interpersonal Communication (pre-req: CMST 220)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 340	Strategies of Persuasion (pre-req: CMST 101 or CMST 110)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 355	Culture and Communication (pre-req: CMST 101 or CMST 110)	3	COM 2245	
Psychology	PSY 300	Personality Psychology (pre-req: PSY 100)	3	PSY 2220	
Psychology	PSY 304	Consumer Psychology (pre-req: PSY 100)	3		
Psychology	PSY 315	Psychology of Human Sexuality (pre-req: PSY 100)	3	PSY 2180	
Psychology	PSY 340	Social Psychology (pre-req: PSY 100)	3	PSY 2225	
		Total Hours	36		

Family Services. What kinds of careers are available? Health services, counseling, social work, community work

Prerequisites: PSY 100 (Sinclair PSY 1100), and SOC 101 or SOC 100 (Sinclair SOC 1101).

Category 7: NKU Potential Area of Specialty for Family Services

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
Psychology	PSY 300	Personality Psychology (pre-req: PSY 100)	3	PSY 2220	
Psychology	PSY 321	Lifespan Development (pre-req: PSY 100)	3	PSY 2200	
Psychology	PSY 333	Abnormal Psychology (pre-req: PSY 100)	3	PSY 2217	
Psychology	PSY 405	Counseling Psychology (pre-req: PSY 100)	3		
Sociology	SOC 315	Marriage and the Family (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3	SOC 1115	
Sociology	SOC 334	Contemporary Sociological Theory (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3		
Sociology	SOC 342	Sociology of Aging (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3	SOC 1160	
Sociology	SOC 435	Sociology of Sexualities (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3	SOC 1216	
Human Services	HSR 300	Ethics and Issues in Human Service Profession	3		
Human Services	HSR 303	Multicultural Issues in Human Services	3		
Human Services	HSR 314	Death, Dying, and Grief	3		
Human Services	HSR 340	Introduction to Substance Use in Human Services	3	MHT 1130	
		Total Hours	36		

Legal Studies. What kinds of careers are available? Paralegal, probation officer, social worker, law school, court administrators and clerks, police officer, corrections, policy development and analysis, politics.

Prerequisites: ENG 102 (Sinclair ENG 1201), CMST 101 (Sinclair COM 2211) or CMST 110, and CMST 220 (Sinclair COM 2206)

Category 8: NKU Potential Area of Specialty for Legal Studies

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
English	ENG 371	Traditional Grammar (pre-req: ENG 101)	3		
English	ENG 316	Social Issues in Literature (pre-req: ENG 101)	3		
English	ENG 340	Business Writing (pre-req: ENG 102)	3	ENG 1131	
English	ENG 345	Legal Writing (pre-req: ENG 102)	3		
Philosophy	PHI 302	Ethics and Scientific Research	3		
Philosophy	PHI 309	Global Ethics	3		
Philosophy	PHI 320	Social and Political Philosophy	3		
Philosophy	PHI 330	Philosophy and Law	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 310	Argumentation (pre-req: CMST 101 or CMST 110)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 320	Advanced Interpersonal Communication (pre-req: CMST 220)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 335	Communication and Conflict (pre-req: CMST 101 or CMST 110)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 355	Culture and Communication (pre-req: CMST 101 or CMST 110)	3	COM 2245	
Total Hours			36		

Arts and Culture Writing. What kinds of careers are available? Freelance writing, media broadcasting, hospitality, arts journalism.

Prerequisites: JOU 110 or EMB 100 (Sinclair COM 2201), JOU 220 (Sinclair JOU 2203), CMST 101 (Sinclair COM 2211) or CMST 110, MUS 108, CIN 200, CIN 301, PSC 100 (Sinclair PLS 1120), SOC 101 or SOC 100 (Sinclair SOC 1101).

Category 9: NKU Potential Area of Specialty for Arts and Culture Writing

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
Popular Culture Studies	POP 369	Folklore and Pop Culture	3		
Popular Culture Studies	SOC 335	Popular Culture (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3	SOC 1117	
Popular Culture Studies	POP 305	Black Popular Culture	3		
Popular Culture Studies	ANT 358	Art and Culture	3		
Journalism	JOU 485	Mass Communication Law (pre-req: JOU 110)	3		
Journalism	JOU 440	Current Topics in Media Ethics (pre-req: JOU 110 or EMB100)	3		
Journalism	JOU 321	Digital Publishing (pre-req: JOU 110 or EMB 100)	3		
Journalism	JOU 340	Feature Writing (pre-req: JOU 220)	3		
Cinema Studies	ENG 302	Literature and Film (AH)	3		
Cinema Studies	HIS 380	History and Film	3		
Cinema Studies	CIN 494	Studies in Cinema (pre-req: CIN 200 or CIN 301 or CIN 302)	3		
Cinema Studies	PSC 320	American Politics in Film (pre-req: PSC 100, PSC 101, PSC 102, PSC 103 or PSC 110)	3		
Total Hours			36		

General Studies Track

Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS) –General Studies Track should work with an advisor to create a cohesive plan with the courses they have taken. The General Studies Track is available only in the accelerated online format and is open to students with at least 60 credit hours.

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