

# **TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE**

## **2025-2026**

Associate of Arts in Political Science at Sinclair College to a  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at Northern Kentucky University

### ***Overview***

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Arts (AA) in Political Science degree at Sinclair College and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science 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.

### ***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](mailto: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. Students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway.

## SINCLAIR COLLEGE AA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE TO NKU BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE CHECKLIST

### Sinclair College

#### Category 1: Sinclair Requirements for the AA in Political Science

| Sinclair Course                        | Course or Category                                                                          | Credits   | NKU Course                       | Completed |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| BIS 1120                               | Introduction to Software Applications                                                       | 3         | BIS 101                          |           |
| COM 2206 or<br>COM 2211 or<br>COM 2225 | Interpersonal Communication or<br>Effective Public Speaking or<br>Small Group Communication | 3         | CMST 220<br>CMST 101<br>CMST 230 |           |
| ENG 1101                               | English Composition I                                                                       | 3         | ENG 101                          |           |
| ENG 1201                               | English Composition II                                                                      | 3         | ENG 102                          |           |
| PLS 1120                               | American Federal Government                                                                 | 3         | PSC 100                          |           |
| PLS 1232                               | State & Local Government                                                                    | 3         | PSC 101                          |           |
| PLS 2200                               | Political Life, Systems & Issues                                                            | 3         | PSC 102                          |           |
| PLS 2220                               | International Relations                                                                     | 3         | PSC 103                          |           |
| PLS 2860                               | Model UN/International Issues                                                               | 3         | PSC 300T                         |           |
| SCC 1101                               | First Year Experience                                                                       | 1         | UNV 101                          |           |
| TBS XXX                                | Ohio Transfer 36: Arts & Humanities<br>Elective                                             | 6         | TBD XXX                          |           |
| TBS XXX                                | Ohio Transfer 36: Natural & Physical<br>Sciences Elective                                   | 6         | TBD XXX                          |           |
| TBS XXX                                | Ohio Transfer 36: Social & Behavioral<br>Sciences Elective                                  | 6         | TBD XXX                          |           |
| TBS XXX                                | Ohio Transfer 36: Mathematics Elective                                                      | 3         | TBD XXX                          |           |
| TBS XXX                                | Multicultural Elective                                                                      | 3         | TBD XXX                          |           |
| TBS XXX                                | Associate of Arts Elective                                                                  | 9         |                                  |           |
|                                        | <b>Total Associate Degree Hours</b>                                                         | <b>61</b> |                                  |           |

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 Political Science

| NKU Course                      | Course                                                                              | Credits | Sinclair Course | Taken at Sinclair |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|
| PSC 100                         | American Politics                                                                   | 3       | PLS 1120        | x                 |
| PSC 102                         | Comparative Politics                                                                | 3       | PLS 2200        | x                 |
| PSC 103                         | International Politics                                                              | 3       | PLS 2220        | x                 |
| PSC 215                         | Scope and Methods                                                                   | 3       |                 |                   |
| Select 1:<br>PSC 312<br>PSC 372 | Select one Political Theory course:<br>Modern Ideologies<br>Modern Political Theory | 3       |                 |                   |

| NKU Course                                            | Course                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Credits   | Sinclair Course | Taken at Sinclair              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Select 1:<br>PSC 301<br>PSC 310<br>PSC 311<br>PSC 319 | Select one Political Institutions and Behavior course:<br>American Political Institutions<br>Political Behavior<br>Political Parties and Interest Groups<br>Public Opinion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3         |                 |                                |
| Select 1:<br>PSC 335<br>PSC 366<br>PSC 388<br>PSC 465 | Select one Comparative Politics course:<br><br>Politics of Latin America<br>Politics of Africa<br>Politics of Asia<br>Democratization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3         |                 |                                |
| Select 1:<br>PSC 410<br>PSC 415<br>PSC 480<br>PSC 486 | Select one International Politics course:<br><br>International Policy Economy<br>United States Foreign Policy<br>International Law<br>Conflict and Security                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3         |                 |                                |
| TBS XXX<br>TBS XXX<br>TBS XXX<br>TBS XXX              | Select 12 hours of upper-level electives (300/400-level PSC courses), which can include PSC 204 (formerly PSC 304). At least one elective must be a study abroad course, internship (PSC 496), or research course (defined by the University as 392 or S-designation). Students can also count three hours total of elective credit from PSC 392 (directed research), PSC 496 (internship), or PSC 499 (directed readings). | 12        | PLS 2860        | x<br>Need 9 additional credits |
|                                                       | <b>Total NKU Major Credit Hours</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>36</b> |                 |                                |
|                                                       | <b>Less Major Credit Hours from Sinclair</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>12</b> |                 |                                |
|                                                       | <b>Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>24</b> |                 |                                |

### Category 3: Additional Requirements at NKU

| NKU Course | Course                                              | Credits      | Sinclair Course | Taken at Sinclair |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|            | <b>Subtotal Minor Credit Hours Taken at NKU</b>     | <b>12-24</b> |                 |                   |
|            | <b>Subtotal Elective (some 300/400 level) Hours</b> | <b>11-23</b> |                 |                   |
|            | <b>Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours</b>      | <b>120</b>   |                 |                   |

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