



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate of Arts To
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Arts (AA) degree at Cincinnati State (CState) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Criminal Justice degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Applying to the CState2NKU 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 Cincinnati State, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Cincinnati State.

Degree Requirements for Cincinnati State

1) Completion of minimum 62 credit hours, 36 of which from approved Ohio Transfer 36 courses, 2) minimum cumulative GPA 2.0, 3) completion of an FYE course as part of the first 12 credit hours taken at Cincinnati State, and 4) completion of Cooperative Education.

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 Cincinnati State students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Criminal Justice 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 an overall GPA of 2.0 and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. At least 24 hours of JUS courses must be earned in residence at NKU. Students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway.

Advising Note

Students in the CState2NKU program should work closely with their advisors when choosing courses. This document serves as a guide but does not replace academic advising. When choosing Cincinnati State courses, student may also consult the Associate of Arts advising brochure or the catalog for A and B list courses in Arts and Humanities or Social and Behavioral Sciences.

CINCINNATI STATE AA TO NKU BA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Cincinnati State

Category 1: Ohio Transfer 36 Requirements

CState Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3	ENG 101	
ENG 102	English Composition 2: Contemporary Issues	3	ENG 102	
COMM 110	Public Speaking	3	CMST 101	
TBS XXX	Arts/Humanities List A Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts/Humanities List B Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social/Behavioral Sciences List A Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social/Behavioral Sciences List B Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36 Elective 1	3	TBD XXX	
MAT 131	Statistics 1	3	STA 113	
MAT 132	Statistics 2	3	MAT 131 + MAT 132 = STA 205 + STA 113	
TBS XXX	Natural/Physical Science Elective 1	4-5	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural/Physical Science Elective 2	3-5	TBD XXX	
Subtotal General Education Core		37-40		

TBS XXX means to be selected by Cincinnati State student

TBD XXX means to be determined by NKU based on course selected at Cincinnati State

Category 2: CState Degree Requirements for the AA and NKU Recommendations

CState Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
FYE 1XX	First Year Experience Elective	1	UNV 100T	
HUM 190	Career Exploration Seminar: Associate of Arts and Sciences	2	CEP 101	
HUM 191 or HUM 192 or HUM 291 or HUM 292 or HUM 296	Part-Time Cooperative Education 1 or Part-Time Cooperative Education 2 or Full-Time Cooperative Education 1 or Full-Time Cooperative Education 2 or Full-Time Career Education Project	2	CEP 300	
CRJ 105	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	JUS 101	
CRJ 110	Introduction to Policing	3	JUS 200	
CRJ 115	Introduction to Corrections	3	JUS 201	
CRJ 120	Introduction to Courts	3	JUS 203	
CRJ 130	Criminal Investigation Skills	3	JUS 204	
CRJ 135	Criminal Law	3	JUS 294	
Total Associate Degree Credit Hours		60-63		

Northern Kentucky University

Students can transfer a maximum of 12 hours to be applied to the Criminal Justice Program Core Requirements. Students can transfer a maximum of 9 credit hours of lower division elective courses to be applied to the Secondary Requirements. A minimum of 24 credit hours of criminal justice courses must be completed at NKU.

Category 3: NKU Core Requirements for the BA in Criminal Justice

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
JUS 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CRJ 105	x
JUS 200	Police in America	3	CRJ 110	x
JUS 201	Corrections in America	3	CRJ 115	x
JUS 203	The Criminal Court Systems	3	CRJ 120	x
JUS 300	Juvenile Justice	3		
JUS 301	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3		
JUS 315	Criminal Justice Research Methods	3		
JUS 317	Criminological Theory	3		
Subtotal Core Credit Hours Taken at NKU		12		
Subtotal Core Credit Hours Taken at CState		12		
Total Core Credit Hours		24		

STA 205 is a prerequisite for JUS 315 and JUS 317. Students must complete MAT 131 and MAT 132 at Cincinnati State to satisfy the STA 205 prerequisite.

Category 4: NKU Secondary Requirements for the BA in Criminal Justice

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
JUS 204	Criminal Investigation	3	CRJ 130	x
JUS 294	Topics: Justice Studies	3	CRJ 135	x
JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX	Select 6 additional courses (18 credit hours) from the JUS electives listed in the catalog. At least 15 credit hours must be at the 300-level or above. No more than 6 credit hours of JUS 496 may count towards the major.	18		
Subtotal Secondary Credit Hours Taken at NKU		18		
Subtotal Secondary Credit Hours Taken at CState		18		
Total Secondary Credit Hours		24		
Total Credit Hours Required for the Major		48		

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

	Category	Credits	

	Subtotal Minor or Focus	12-24		
	Subtotal Elective Credit Hours (may need 300+ level courses)	6-18		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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