



## **TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026**

### Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

#### ***Overview***

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for an Associate in Arts (AA) at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Criminal Justice at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

#### ***Applying to the Gateway2NKU 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 GCTC 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
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 GCTC 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:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Complete at least 25% of the credit hours at NKU
3. Complete the last 30 credit hours at NKU
4. Complete at least 45 credit hours numbered 300 or above
5. Minimum 2.0 GPA cumulative GPA across all major coursework
6. Meet all requirements for the major
7. Completion of a focus, minor, or second major (if required by the major)

At least 24 hours of JUS courses must be earned in residence at NKU.

### ***General Transfer Information***

Students must complete the online application to NKU. There is no application fee for students who are transferring from a KCTCS institution.

**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 annual scholarships (fall and spring only). 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.

Tuition and scholarship information specific to transfer students can be viewed on the NKU Adult & Transfer Center website

## GCTC AA TO NKU BA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHECKLIST

### Gateway Community and Technical College

#### Category 1: GCTC General Education Core Requirements

GCTC 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 and Humanities (AH) Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
Taken at NKU	Race, Gender and Crime (AH)	3	JUS 231	
JUS 101U	Introduction to Criminal Justice (SB)	3	JUS 101	
POL 101	American Government (SB) - recommended	3	PSC 100	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
MAT 151	Introduction to Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 100G	
STA 251	Applied Statistics (QR)	3	STA 205	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
<b>Subtotal General Education Core Courses</b>		<b>34</b>		

TBS XXX means to be selected by GCTC 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.

STA 251 equates to STA 205 only with the completion of MAT 151 or MAT 161.

STA 251 meets NKU's prerequisite requirement for some JUS courses.

#### Category 2: GCTC AA Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	General Education Elective (Arts & Humanities, Social Behavioral Science, Foreign Language, or Oral Communication)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	General Education Elective (Arts & Humanities, Social Behavioral Science, Foreign Language, or Oral Communication)	3	TBD XXX	
<b>Subtotal AA Requirement Courses</b>		<b>6</b>		

Students should select courses toward their chosen minor

**Category 3: GCTC Electives**

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CIT 105 or OST 105*	Introduction to Computers or Introduction to Information Systems	3	BIS 101	
FYE 105 or FYE 110	Achieving Academic Success or First Year Experience and Applications	3	UNV 100T	
CRJ 102	Introductions to Corrections	3	JUS 201	
CRJ 204	Criminal Investigations	3	JUS 204	
CRJ 215	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3	JUS 200	
CRJ 230	Criminal Justice Courtroom Procedures	3	JUS 203	
Choose 1: CRJ 202 CRJ 216 CRJ 217	Choose one course: Issues and Ethics Criminal Justice Criminal Law Criminal Procedures	3	JUS 294	
	<b>Subtotal Elective Courses</b>	<b>21</b>		
	<b>TOTAL Associate Degree Hours</b>	<b>61</b>		

**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 4: NKU Core Requirements for Criminal Justice**

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
JUS 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	JUS 101U	x
JUS 200	Police in America	3	CRJ 215	x
JUS 201	Corrections in America	3	CRJ 102	x
JUS 203	The Criminal Court System	3	CRJ 230	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		

**Category 5: NKU Secondary Requirements for Criminal Justice**

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
JUS 204	Criminal Investigation	3	CRJ 204	x
JUS 231	Race, Gender, and Crime (AH)	3	Taken at NKU	x

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
JUS 294	Topics: Justice Studies	3	CRJ 202 OR CRJ 216 OR CRJ 217 OR CRJ 295	X
JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX	Select 5 additional courses (15 credit hours) from the JUS electives listed in the catalog. Credit hours must be at the 300-level or above. No more than 6 credit hours of JUS 496 may count towards the major.	15		
	<b>Subtotal Credit Hours Taken at GCTC</b>	<b>61</b>		
	<b>Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU</b>	<b>27</b>		
	<b>Total credit hours required for the major</b>	<b>48</b>		

**Category 6: Additional Requirements at NKU**

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTCS Course	Taken at GCTC
	<b>Subtotal Minor/Focus and/or Electives Hours Taken at NKU</b>	<b>11</b>		
	<b>Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>		

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