



TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

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 at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and lead to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice at the University of Kentucky.

Admission Requirements

The Criminal Justice major is highly flexible. Students are encouraged to pursue minors and certificates of interest. Please speak to an advisor regarding your areas of interest.

KCTCS students planning to transfer to the University of Kentucky should work closely with a UK Transfer Advisor each semester to ensure that both KCTCS and UK degree requirements are met.

Degree Requirements

To fulfill residency requirements, 30 of the final 36 credit hours earned toward a UK degree must be completed at UK. To graduate with the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA and complete 120 total credit hours.

General Transfer Requirements

All prospective transfer students are encouraged to receive advising from the University of Kentucky Transfer Center. Appointments are offered online and in-person, and can be scheduled online at <https://www.uky.edu/admission/transfer-advising>.

Additionally, we recommend reviewing the transfer admission requirements (<https://www.uky.edu/admission/transfer-requirements>) and the Frequently Asked Questions (<https://www.uky.edu/admission/transfer/frequently-asked-questions>) on our website: <https://www.uky.edu/admission/transfer>.

For more information, please contact the UK Transfer Center by email at UKTransfer@uky.edu, by phone at 859-257-2000, or in-person in Room 100 of the Funkhouser Building on UK's campus.

KCTCS ASSOCIATE IN ARTS TO UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHECKLIST

Kentucky Community and Technical College System

Category 1: KCTCS General Education Core Requirements (33 hours)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	UK 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	Heritage (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Humanities (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social and Behavioral Science (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social and Behavioral Science (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social and Behavioral Science (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science with Lab (NS)	4	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	MA 111U, MAT 141, MAT 146, or MAT 150 (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science or Quantitative Reasoning	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Core Courses	34		

TBS XXX means to be selected by KCTCS student.

TBD XXX means to be determined by University of Kentucky based on course selected.

Category 2: KCTCS AA Requirements (6 hours)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	UK Course	Completed
TBS XXX	SBS, Arts, or Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	SBS, Arts, or Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal AA/AS Requirement Courses	6		

One of these courses must be selected from the KCTCS identified Cultural Competency list; indicate by placing (CS) next to the course name in Category 1 or 2 table.

Category 3: KCTCS Electives (21 hours)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	UK Course	Completed
	Digital Literacy	0-3		
	First-Year Experience	0-3		
CRJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CJ 123	
TBS XXX	Guided Elective (Minor/CRJ Course)*	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Guided Elective (Minor/CRJ Course)*	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Guided Elective (Minor/CRJ Course)*	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Elective (Minor/CRJ Course)*	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	21		
	TOTAL Associate Degree Hours	61		

*Work with UK Transfer Advisor to select specific courses.

University of Kentucky

Major Requirements for Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice

UK Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
CJ 240	Career Readiness for Helping Professionals	3		
CJ 312	The American Criminal Justice System	3		
CJ 314	Experiential Learning in Criminal Justice	3		
CJ 316	Culturally Relevant Practices in Criminal Justice Settings	3		
CJ 323	Criminal Justice Foundations	3		
CJ 328	Forensic Investigations	3		
CJ 419	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3		
CJ 421	Applied Data Analysis for Criminal Justice Practice	3		
CJ 429	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3		
CJ 431	Application of Criminal Justice Theory	3		
TBS XXX	Guided Elective	3	CJ 1--	
TBS XXX	Guided Elective	3	TBS XXX	
TBS XXX	Guided Elective	3	TBS XXX	
TBS XXX	Guided Elective	3	TBS XXX	
TBS XXX	Free Electives	17		
Subtotal UK Credit Hours		59		
Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours		120		

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Sample Course Sequence: KCTCS Associate in Arts to UK Bachelor of Arts
Degree in Criminal Justice

KCTCS Fall Semester 1	
ENG 101	3
First-Year Experience	3
CRJ 100	3
SBS	3
Quant. Reasoning	3
Total	15

KCTCS Spring Semester 1	
ENG 102	3
Guided Elective	3
SBS	3
Science w. Lab	4
NS or QR	3
Total	16

KCTCS Summer Semester 1	

KCTCS Fall Semester 2	
SBS	3
Humanities	3
Oral Comm.	3
Guided Elective	3
Digital Literacy	3
Total	15

KCTCS Spring Semester 2	
SBS or AH	3
SBS or AH	3
Guided Elective	3
Heritage	3
Elective	3
Total	15

KCTCS Summer Semester 2	

UK Fall Semester 3	
CJ 323	3
CJ 314	3
CJ 316	3
Guided Elective	3
CJ 240	3
Total	15

UK Spring Semester 3	
CJ 419	3
CJ 328	3
Guided Elective	3
CJ 312	3
Free Elective	3
Total	15

UK Summer Semester 3	

UK Fall Semester 4	
CJ 421	3
CJ 431	3
Guided Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Total	15

UK Spring Semester 4	
CJ 429	3
Guided Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Total	15

UK Summer Semester 4	