



TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

Associate in Arts to Bachelor in Arts in Public Policy

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for an Associate in Arts at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and leads to a BA in Public Policy at the University of Kentucky.

Admission Requirements

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy both the requirements for an Associate in Arts at KCTCS as well as UK Core requirements for the University of Kentucky and pre-major requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy in the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration.

The Martin School of Public Policy and Administration's public policy program is a selective admissions major which requires an overall GPA of 2.75 as well as a 2.75 minimum pre-major GPA. Pre-major GPA includes the equivalent of CIS/WRD 110, CIS/WRD 111, MA 109 or MA 113 or MA 123, STA 210 or STA 296, PS 101, PPL 201, and ECO 201.

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

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 PUBLIC POLICY 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
ENG101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
ENG102	Writing II (WC)	3	ENG 102	
TBS XXX	Oral Communication (OC)	3	TBD XXX	
HIS 240	History of Kentucky (AH)	3	HIS 240	
TBS XXX	Humanities (AH)	3	TBD XXX	
POL101	American Government (SB)	3	PS 101	
ECO 201	Principles of Microeconomics (SB)	3	ECO 201	
TBS XXX	Social and Behavioral Science (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science with Lab (NS)	4	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	MAT 150 or MAT 170* (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
TBSXXX	STA 210U, STA 251, or STA 296U* (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Core Courses	34		

TBS XXX means to be selected by KCTCS student.

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

*Selection may vary by area of interest. See Transfer Advisor for more information.

Category 2: KCTCS AA Requirements (6 hours)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	UK Course	Completed
POL 280	Introduction to Public Policy	3	PPL 201	
TBS XXX	Arts & Hum. Or Social Behav. Sci.	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal AA/AS Requirement Courses	6		

Category 3: KCTCS Electives (21 hours)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	UK Course	Completed
TBS XXX	Digital Literacy	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	First-Year Experience	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Elective	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	21		
	TOTAL Associate Degree Hours	61		

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Major Requirements for Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy

UK Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
PPL 201	Introduction to Public Policy	3	POL 280	
PPL 251	Social Policy	3		
PPL 301	Economics of Public Policy	3		
PPL 302	Political Context of Public Policy	3		
PPL 303	Public Service Organizations	3		
PPL 304	Public and Non-Profit Financial Mgmt.	3		
PPL 306	Ethics and Civic Leadership	3		
PPL 401	Data and Evidence in Public Policy			
PPL 405	Program Evaluation for Public Non-Profit Organizations	3		
PPL 434	Public Policy Capstone	3		
TBS XXX	Core Elective	3		
TBS XXX	Core Elective	3		
TBS XXX	Core Elective	3		
TBS XXX	Guided Elective	3		
TBS XXX	Guided Elective	3		
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TBS XXX	Guided Elective	3		
TBS XXX	Guided Elective	3		
TBS XXX	Guided Elective	3		
TBS XXX	Guided Elective	3		
TBS XXX	Free Electives	20		
Subtotal UK Credit Hours				
Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours				

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Sample Course Sequence: KCTCS Associate in Arts to UK Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Policy

KCTCS Fall Semester 1	
ENG 101	3
FYE105	3
POL101	3
MAT150/170*	3
Oral Comm. Course	3
Total	15

KCTCS Spring Semester 1	
ENG 102	3
Digital Literacy	3
STA 210U/296U*	3
Natural Sci. w/ Lab	4
Humanities	3
Total	16

KCTCS Summer Semester 1	

KCTCS Fall Semester 2	
ECO201	3
POL 280	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Total	15

KCTCS Spring Semester 2	
SBS XXX	3
Elective	3
Heritage	3
A&H or SBS	3
Elective	3
Total	15

KCTCS Summer Semester 2	

UK Fall Semester 3	
PPL 251	3
PPL 306	3
Guided Elective	3
Guided Elective	3
Guided Elective	3
Total	15

UK Spring Semester 3	
PPL 302	3
PPL 303	3
PPL 401	3
Guided Elective	3
Guided Elective	3
Core Elective	3
Total	18

UK Summer Semester 3	

UK Fall Semester 4	
PPL 301	3
PPL 405	3
PPL 434	3
Guided Elective	3
Guided Elective	3
Core Elective	3
Total	18

UK Spring Semester 4	
PPL 304	3
Core Elective	3
Guided Elective	3
Guided Elective	3
Guided Elective	3
Total	15

UK Summer Semester 4	