



TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

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 the Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work at the University of Kentucky.

Admission Requirements

The College of Social Work has a selective admissions process for its professional Social Work program. Students may declare a Social Work major at any time; however, admission to the professional program is required before enrolling in upper-division professional social work courses. To be considered for the professional program, students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA, earn a B or better in SW 124 and SW 222 (or their equivalents), and successfully complete a course in biology, psychology, sociology, and political science.

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 Social Work, students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and complete 120 total credit hours, in addition to earning a C or better in all professional social work classes.

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 SOCIAL WORK 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	
PHI 120	Introductory Logic (AH)	3	PHI 120	
ECO 201	Principles of Microeconomics (SB)	3	ECO 201	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 11--	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (SB)	3	SOC 101	
BIO112+113	Biology with Lab (NS)	4	BIO103+111	
TBS XXX	MA 111U, MAT 141, MAT 146, or MAT 150 (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
STA 210U	Making Sense of Uncertainty (QR)	3	STA 210	
	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
POL 101	American Government (SB)	3	PS 101	
TBS XXX	Any Anthropology (ANT) course	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal AA/AS Requirement Courses	6		

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. For the Social Work degree, the ANT course is recommended to be the Cultural Competency course.

Category 3: KCTCS Electives (21 hours)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	UK Course	Completed
	Digital Literacy	0-3		
	First-Year Experience	0-3		
SWK 124	Introduction to Social Services	3	SW 124	
SWK 222	Development of Social Welfare	3	SW 222	
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 Social Work

UK Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
SW 240	Career Readiness for Helping Professionals	3		
SW 300	Social Work Practice I	4		
SW 350	Social Work Practice II: Survey of Groups	3		
SW 400	Social Work Practice III	3		
SW 421	Human Behavior and Social Environment I	3		
SW 422	Human Behavior and Social Environment II	3		
SW 430	Social Welfare Policy: Theory and Implementation	3		
SW 435	Foundations of Professionals Ethics in Social Work	3		
SW 444	Educational Practicum I	5		
SW 445	Educational Practicum II	5		
SW 450	Social Work Research	3		
SW 460	Mental Health and Behavior	3		
SW 470	Senior Seminar	3		
TBS XXX	300+ Social Science Elective	3		
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TBS XXX	Guided Elective: SW 325 or SW 521	3		
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
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KCTCS Fall Semester 1	
ENG 101	3
First-Year Experience	3
Heritage	3
PSY 110	3
Quant. Reasoning	3
Total	15

KCTCS Fall Semester 2	
ECO 201	3
SWK 222	3
ANT course	3
STA 210U	3
Digital Literacy	3
Total	15

KCTCS Spring Semester 1	
ENG 102	3
Oral Comm.	3
SWK 124	3
BIO w/ Lab	4
SOC 101	3
Total	16

KCTCS Spring Semester 2	
POL 101	3
PHI 120	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Total	15

KCTCS Summer Semester 1	

KCTCS Summer Semester 2	

UK Fall Semester 3	
SW 300	4
SW 421	3
SW 430	3
300+ SW Elective	3
SW 240	3
Total	16

UK Fall Semester 4	
SW 400	3
SW 450	3
SW 460	3
300+ SW Elective	3
SW 325 or SW 521	3
Total	15

UK Spring Semester 3	
SW 444	5
SW 422	3
SW 435	3
SW 350	3
Total	14

UK Spring Semester 4	
SW 445	5
SW 470	3
300+ SW Elective	3
300+ SW Elective	3
Total	14

UK Summer Semester 3	

UK Summer Semester 4	