TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE
2025-2026

Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

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 International Studies 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, 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 GCTC
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.

Degree Requirements for NKU
To earn a bachelor's degree at NKU, students must complete a minimum
1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Complete at least 25% of the credit hours required 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 cumulative GPA across all major coursework
6. Meet all requirements for the major
7. Completion of a minor, focus, or second major (if required by major)

Students majoring in international studies must earn at least a C- in each course counted as part of the major. Students are encouraged to take classes from a variety of pre-fixes to become more versed in international studies from a broad prospective. Student must take classes in three of the following five prefixes (ANT, GEO, HIS, PSC, and SOC). Students must also complete 12 hours in a foreign language.

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 INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CHECKLIST

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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	
REL 130	Introduction to Comparative Religion (AH)	3	REL 200	
POL 235	World Politics (SB)	3	PSC 103	
ANT 160	Cultural Diversity and the Modern World (SB)	3	ANT 100	
ECO 202	Principles of Macroeconomics (SB)	3	ECO 100	
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	
	Subtotal General Education Core Courses	**34**		

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.

Category 2: GCTC AA Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
SPA 101	Elementary Spanish I	4	SPI 101	
SPA 102	Elementary Spanish II	4	SPI 102	
	Subtotal AA Requirement Courses	**8**		

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	INF 101	
FYE 105 or FYE 110	Achieving Academic Success or First Year Experience and Applications	3	UNV 100T	
SPA 201	Intermediate Spanish I	4	SPI 201	
SPA 202	Intermediate Spanish II	4	SPI 202	
GEO 152	Regional Geography of the World	3	GEO 101	
Taken at NKU	PSC 102 Comparative Politics or SOC 101 Global Inequalities	3	PSC 102 or SOC 101	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	**18**		

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
	Total Associate Degree Hours	**60**		

*If completing digital literacy using other means (like FYE 110), additional credits will be required in order to fulfill elective requirements.

See the NKU catalog page 4-5 below for more information on these elective categories. Please note, when selecting courses for the NKU major, you will need courses from at least three of the following five pre-fixes: ANT, GEO, HIS, PSC, and SOC. Please work with your advisor(s) when making your selections.

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Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for International Studies

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
PSC 103	International Politics	3	POL 235	x
PSC 470	Globalization	3		
Select 3: ANT 100 GEO 101 PSC 102 SOC 101	Select three courses from the following: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology World Regional Geography Comparative Politics Global Inequalities	9	ANT 160 GEO 152 Taken At NKU	x
Elementary Language I	Select from: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish	3	SPA 101	x
Elementary Language II	Same as above	3	SPA 102	x
Intermediate Language I	Same as above	3	SPA 201	x
Intermediate Language II	Same as above	3	SPA 202	x
Select 1: PSC 215 ANT 340 ANT 342 LDR 310	Select one Methods course: Scope and Methods Ethnographic Methods and Research Quantitative Methods in Anthropology Research Methods in Leadership	3		
Select 1: LDR 460 PSC 465 PSC 481 PSC 482 CTE 316 ECO 100 MGT 360 PSC 340 PSC 410	Select one Economics and Politics Course: Leading in Diverse and Global Contexts Democratization International Organization Comparative Electoral Systems Intercultural Business Communication Principles of Macroeconomics Comparative International Management Politics of Development International Political Economy	3	ECO 202	x
Select 1:	Select one Environment and Conflict Course:	3		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
GEO 340	Sustainable Food Systems			
PHI 360	Environmental Philosophy			
PSC 445	Sustainability			
SOC 340	Population		SOC 260	
SOC 355	Sociology of the Environment			
HIS 485	History of Terrorism			
PHI 323	Peace and War			
PSC 480	International Law			
PSC 486	Conflict and Security			
Select 3:	Select three Electives from any category above or the list below:			
ANT 201	World Cultures			
ANT 275	Language and Culture			
ANT 320	Religion and Culture			
ANT 330	Women, Gender, and Culture			
ANT 345	Environmental Anthropology			
ANT 358	Art and Culture			
ANT 372	Peasant Societies			
ANT 386	Economy, Wealth and Culture			
CIN 301	Survey of World Cinema			
EMB 370	International Media		ENG 231	
ENG 213	Global Viewpoints in Literature			
ENG 304	Intro to Post-Colonial Literature			
GEO 330	Geography of Religion			
HIS 111	Global Viewpoints in History			
HIS 321	Modernization in the Non-Western World			
HNR 309	World Cities/World Cultures	9		
LDR 160	Leadership Around the World		MUS 208	
MUS 106	Music of World Cultures			
PHI 309	Global Ethics			
POP 250	International Popular Culture			
PSC 312	Modern Ideologies			
PSC 322	International Politics in Film			
PSC 395	Study Abroad			
PSC 440	Politics of Food			
PSC 482	Elections Around the World			
REL 200	World Religions and Cultures		REL 130	
SOC 301	World Patterns of Race Ethnicity			
SOC 342	Sociology of Aging			
SOC 425	Political Sociology			
SOC 430	Sociology of Religion			
WGS 383	Women and World Cultures			
TBS 496	Internships (up to 3 hours)			
TBS 499	Research Practicum (up to 3 hours)			
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at GCTC	**15**		
	Subtotal Credit Hours Taken at NKU	**60**		
	Total credit hours required for the major	**54**		

Students placing out of the 202 level of language must complete one 300+ level language course at NKU. Please note that Latin does not qualify.

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTCS Course	Taken at GCTC
	Subtotal Minor/Focus and Elective Hours Taken at NKU	**45**		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	**120**		

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