TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE
2023-2024

Associate in Arts to
Bachelor of Arts in 3D Digital Design and Visual Effects

Overview
Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA) degree at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in 3D Digital Design and Visual Effects degree 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 Gateway CTC, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Gateway CTC.

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) cultural competence course, 5) demonstration of digital literacy, 6) 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 of 120 credit hours with at least 45 credit hours numbered 300 and above. In addition, at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree and the last 30 credit hours must be completed at NKU. Students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major which include a minimum average GPA of 2.0 across all major coursework and at least a C- in each course counted toward the major or minor. Students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway.

General Transfer Information
Students must complete the online application to NKU. There is no application fee for students who are transferring from GCTC.

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 $2,500 annual scholarships ($1,250 per fall and spring). 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.

GCTC AA TO NKU BA IN 3D DIGITAL DESIGN AND VISUAL EFFECTS 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	
COM 181	Basic Public Speaking (OC)	3	CMST 101	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
COM 249	Mass Media Communication (SB)	3	EMB 100	
COM 254	Introduction to Intercultural Communication (SB)	3	CMST 355	
TBS XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course (not COM) (SB)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural Science Course with Lab (SL)	4	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3	TBD XXX	
INF 120	Elementary Programming (SL)	3	INF 120	
	Subtotal General Education 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.

Category 2: GCTC AA Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH), Social/Behavioral Sciences (SB), Oral Communications (OC), or Foreign Language Course	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH), Social/Behavioral Sciences (SB), Oral Communications (OC), or Foreign Language Course	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal AA Requirement Courses	**6**		

Students should consider classes that may count toward a chosen minor.

Category 3: GCTC Electives

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
CIT 105 OR OST 105	Introduction to Computing OR Introduction to Information Systems	3	BIS 101	
FYE 105	Achieving Academic Success	3	UNV 100T	
VCM 115	2-D Animation	3	DFX 240	
CIT 155	Web Page Development	3	INF 286	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
Taken at NKU	Visual Fundamentals for Digital Media	3	DFX 221	
Taken at NKU	Introduction to Media Aesthetics	3	EMB 140	
TBS XXX or	Elective or	3	TBD XXX	
Taken at NKU	Principles of Digital 3D Animation	3	DFX 244	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	**21**		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	**61**		

Degree Requirement: One course must be selected from the KCTCS identified Cultural Competence course list in the KCTCS catalog.

Students enrolled in the Gateway2NKU program are eligible to take courses at NKU that are not offered at GCTC or online through KCTCS. With the help of your NKU and Gateway advisors, choose a course that will help you complete your degree. This includes both major requirements as well as those for a minor.

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Category 4: NKU Major Requirements for BA in Media Informatics

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
INF 120	Elementary Programming	3	INF 120	X
EMB 100	Media Literacy	3	COM 249	X
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COM 181	X
EMB 140	Introduction to Media Aesthetics	3	Taken at NKU	X
INF 286	Introduction to Web Development	3	CIT 155	X
DFX 221	Visual Fundamentals for Digital Media	3	Taken at NKU	X
DFX 240	Introduction to Interactive Media	3	VCM 115	X
DFX 244	Principles of Digital 3D Animation	3		
DFX 245	3D Modeling Fundamentals	3		
DFX 250	Analog Game Design	3		
DFX 252	Non-Linear Interactive Storytelling	3		
DFX 309 or DFX 340	3D Hard Surface Modeling or Intermediate Interactive Media	3		
DFX 352	Project Research Management	3		
DFX 381	Computer-Mediated Communication	3		
DFX 420	Professional Practices	3		
DFX 452	Advanced Portfolio Production	3		
Choose 5: DFX XXX ARTM 331 ARTM 360 ARTM 394 EMB 326 JOU 440	Choose five classes: Any additional DFX prefix course Digital Arts & Effects Robotic Art Topics in New Media Art Digital Compositing Current Topics in Media Ethics	15		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
TBS XXX	Choose one 300- or 400-level College of Informatics course	3	COM 254	x
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	**42**		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at GCTC	**24**		
	Total Major Credit Hours	**66**		

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
	Subtotal Minor Credit Hours Taken at NKU	**12-21**		
	Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours	**0-2**		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	**120-127**		

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