

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

2025-2026

Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement at Sinclair College to a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice at Northern Kentucky University

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement degree at Sinclair College and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Criminal Justice degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Degree Requirements for Sinclair College

To earn a degree at Sinclair College, a student must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, and earn a minimum of 20 credit hours at Sinclair College.

Admission Requirements for NKU

Students completing an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be accepted into NKU.

This major can be completed face-to-face or online. If completed fully online, courses are offered in seven-week formats. Tuition for online accelerated programs differs from face-to-face tuition. Scholarship pricing is available to Sinclair College students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Criminal Justice Accelerated Online program](#).

Tuition and Scholarships

For information on tuition and scholarships, please visit <https://nku.edu/admissions/adult/online.html>

NKU Contact

For more information, students should contact Kim McCoy, Assistant Director of Transfer Services, at mccoyk8@nku.edu.

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. At least 24 hours of JUS courses must be earned in residence at NKU. Students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway.

**SINCLAIR COLLEGE AAS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE/LAW ENFORCEMENT TO
NKU BA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHECKLIST**

Sinclair College

Category 1: Sinclair Requirements for the AAS in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement

Sinclair Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
BIO 1107 or TBS XXX	Human Biology or Ohio Transfer 36: Natural & Physical Sciences Elective	3	BIO 100G/L TBD XXX	
BIS 1120	Introduction to Software Applications	3	BIS 101	
CJS 1101	Introduction to Criminal Justice Science	3	JUS 101	
CJS 1103	Constitutional Law & Evidentiary Procedures	3	JUS 294	
CJS 1105	Criminal Law	3	JUS 294	
CJS 1110	Interrogation, Documentation & Testimony	3	JUS 294	
CJS 1125	Policing	3	JUS 200	
CJS 1155	Homeland Security Issues & Administration	3	JUS 294	
CJS 2111	Ethics & Professionalism in Criminal Justice	3	JUS 294	
CJS 2200	Human Relations, Mediation & Conflict Resolution	3	JUS 294	
CJS 2205	Introduction to Criminal Investigation & Forensic Science	3	JUS 204	
CJS 2209	Computer Crime	3	JUS 294	
CJS 2270 or CJS 2295	Criminal Justice Science Internship or Criminal Justice Science Seminar	3	JUS 294	
COM 2206 or COM 2211	Interpersonal Communication or Effective Public Speaking (preferred)	3	CMST 220 CMST 101	
COM 2245	Intercultural Communication	3	CMST 355	
ENG 1101	English Composition I	3	ENG 101	
MAT 1120 or TBS XXX	Business Mathematics (preferred) or Ohio Transfer 36: Mathematics Elective	3	STA 100G or TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Arts & Humanities	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 1100	General Psychology	3	PSY 100	
SOC 1101	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 100	
SOC 2226	Criminology	3	GIS 200G	
	Total Associate Degree Hours	60		

TBS XXX means to be selected by Sinclair College student.

TBD XXX means to be determined by NKU based on course selected at Sinclair College.

Northern Kentucky University

Category 2: NKU Additional General Education Requirements

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
ENG 102	Advanced College Writing	3	ENG 1201	
TBS XXX	Natural Science	3		
TBS XXX	Cultural Pluralism	3		
TBS XXX	Culture & Creativity	3		
TBS XXX	Global Viewpoints	3		
	Subtotal General Education Courses	15		

Category 3: NKU Core Requirements for the BA in Criminal Justice

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
JUS 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CJS 1101	x
JUS 200	Police in America	3	CJS 1125	x
JUS 201	Corrections in America	3	CJS 1165	
JUS 203	The Criminal Court Systems	3		
JUS 300	Juvenile Justice	3		
JUS 301	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3		
JUS 315	Criminal Justice Research Methods	3		
JUS 317	Criminological Theory	3		
	Subtotal NKU Core Credit Hours	21		
	Less Core Credit Hours from Sinclair	6		
	Subtotal Core Credit Hours at NKU	15		

Category 4: NKU Secondary Requirements for the BA in Criminal Justice

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
JUS 204	Criminal Investigation	3	CJS 2205	
JUS 294	Topics: Justice Studies (can use two courses from Sinclair College)	6	CJS 1103 CJS 1105 CJS 1110 CJS 1155 CJS 2111 CJS 2200 CJS 2209 CJS 2270 CJS 2295	x

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX JUS XXX	Select 5 additional courses (15 credit hours) at the 300-level or above from the JUS electives listed in the catalog.	15		
	Subtotal NKU Secondary Credit Hours	24		
	Less Secondary Credit Hours from Sinclair	9		
	Subtotal Secondary Credit Hours at NKU	15		

Category 5: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
	Subtotal Minor Credit Hours Taken at NKU	12-24		
	Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours	0-3		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120-129		

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