

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

2025-2026

Associate of Arts in Political Science at Sinclair College to a
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at Northern Kentucky University

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Arts (AA) in Political Science degree at Sinclair College and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science 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.

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. Students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway.

SINCLAIR COLLEGE AA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE TO NKU BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE CHECKLIST

Sinclair College

Category 1: Sinclair Requirements for the AA in Political Science

Sinclair Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
BIS 1120	Introduction to Software Applications	3	BIS 101	
COM 2206 or COM 2211 or COM 2225	Interpersonal Communication or Effective Public Speaking or Small Group Communication	3	CMST 220 CMST 101 CMST 230	
ENG 1101	English Composition I	3	ENG 101	
ENG 1201	English Composition II	3	ENG 102	
PLS 1120	American Federal Government	3	PSC 100	
PLS 1232	State & Local Government	3	PSC 101	
PLS 2200	Political Life, Systems & Issues	3	PSC 102	
PLS 2220	International Relations	3	PSC 103	
PLS 2860	Model UN/International Issues	3	PSC 300T	
SCC 1101	First Year Experience	1	UNV 101	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Arts & Humanities Elective	6	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Natural & Physical Sciences Elective	6	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective	6	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36: Mathematics Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Multicultural Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Associate of Arts Elective	9		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	61		

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 Major Requirements for the BA in Political Science

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
PSC 100	American Politics	3	PLS 1120	x
PSC 102	Comparative Politics	3	PLS 2200	x
PSC 103	International Politics	3	PLS 2220	x
PSC 215	Scope and Methods	3		
Select 1: PSC 312 PSC 372	Select one Political Theory course: Modern Ideologies Modern Political Theory	3		

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
Select 1: PSC 301 PSC 310 PSC 311 PSC 319	Select one Political Institutions and Behavior course: American Political Institutions Political Behavior Political Parties and Interest Groups Public Opinion	3		
Select 1: PSC 335 PSC 366 PSC 388 PSC 465	Select one Comparative Politics course: Politics of Latin America Politics of Africa Politics of Asia Democratization	3		
Select 1: PSC 410 PSC 415 PSC 480 PSC 486	Select one International Politics course: International Policy Economy United States Foreign Policy International Law Conflict and Security	3		
TBS XXX TBS XXX TBS XXX TBS XXX	Select 12 hours of upper-level electives (300/400-level PSC courses), which can include PSC 204 (formerly PSC 304). At least one elective must be a study abroad course, internship (PSC 496), or research course (defined by the University as 392 or S-designation). Students can also count three hours total of elective credit from PSC 392 (directed research), PSC 496 (internship), or PSC 499 (directed readings).	12	PLS 2860	x Need 9 additional credits
	Total NKU Major Credit Hours	36		
	Less Major Credit Hours from Sinclair	12		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	24		

Category 3: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	Sinclair Course	Taken at Sinclair
	Subtotal Minor Credit Hours Taken at NKU	12-24		
	Subtotal Elective (some 300/400 level) Hours	11-23		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120		

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