



## TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

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### TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate of Arts to  
Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

#### ***Overview***

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Arts degree at Cincinnati State and leads to the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies degree at Northern Kentucky University.

#### ***Applying to the CState2NKU 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 Cincinnati State, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Cincinnati State.

#### ***Degree Requirements for Cincinnati State***

1) Completion of minimum 62 credit hours, 36 of which from approved Ohio Transfer 36 courses, 2) minimum cumulative GPA 2.0, 3) completion of an FYE course as part of the first 12 credit hours taken at Cincinnati State, and 4) completion of Cooperative Education.

#### ***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 primarily in seven-week formats. Tuition for online accelerated programs differs from face-to-face tuition. Scholarship pricing is available to CState students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. The General Studies Track is available only in the accelerated online format and is open to students with at least 60 credit hours. Visit our website for more information about the

[Interdisciplinary Studies Accelerated Online program](#). Additional information is also available in our [Student Handbook](#) or the online [flipbook for BAIS](#).

### ***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.

Degree requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies – Integrated Studies Track:

- 1) Student must earn a minimum average GPA 2.0 across all major coursework
- 2) Student must earn at least a C- in each course for any minor or area of specialty, and a 2.0 (C average) in each minor or area of specialty. Some minors require higher GPAs/grade minimums. The higher standard applies.)
- 3) Student must complete minors or areas of specialty in three different academic programs.
- 4) At least one content area must be chosen from the College of Arts and Sciences.
- 5) Student must complete the introductory experience, IST 185, and the capstone experiences, (IST 397 & IST 497).
- 6) No additional minor or area of specialty is required beyond the three used to complete the degree requirements.
- 7) No course can count in more than one area of specialty or minor.

Degree requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies – General Studies Track:

- 1) Student must earn a minimum average GPA 2.0 across all major coursework.
- 2) Student must complete an area of specialty.
- 3) Student must earn at least a C- in each course in the area of specialty, and a 2.0 (C average) in the area of specialty.
- 4) Student must complete IST 185, IST 397, and one capstone course in any discipline (can be IST 497).
- 5) No additional minor or area of specialty is required.

Students within this pathway are **strongly** encouraged to work closely with their assigned NKU advisor to determine their areas of specialty and to determine the best classes to take at Cincinnati State to facilitate a smooth transfer into those areas of specialty.

### ***Advising Note***

Students in the CState2NKU program should work closely with their advisors when choosing courses. This document serves as a guide but does not replace academic advising. When choosing Cincinnati State courses, student may also consult the Associate of Arts advising brochure or the catalog for A and B list courses in Arts and Humanities or Social and Behavioral Sciences.

## CINCINNATI STATE AA TO NKU BA INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES CHECKLIST

### Cincinnati State

#### Category 1: Ohio Transfer 36 Requirements

CState Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3	ENG 101	
ENG 102	English Composition 2: Contemporary Issues	3	ENG 102	
COMM 110	Public Speaking	3	CMST 101	
TBS XXX	Arts/Humanities List A Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities List B Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social/Behavioral Sciences List A Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social/Behavioral Sciences List B Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36 Elective 1	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Ohio Transfer 36 Elective 2	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Mathematics Elective	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural/Physical Science Elective 1	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Natural/Physical Science Elective 2	3	TBD XXX	
	<b>Subtotal General Education Core</b>	<b>36</b>		

TBS XXX means to be selected by Cincinnati State student.

TBD XXX means to be determined by NKU based on course selected at Cincinnati State.

#### Category 2: CState Degree Requirements for the AA and NKU Recommendations

CState Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
FYE 1XX	First Year Experience Elective	1-3	UNV 100T	
HUM 190	Career Exploration Seminar: Associate of Arts and Sciences	2	CEP 101	
HUM 191 or HUM 192 or HUM 291 or HUM 292 or HUM 296	Part-Time Cooperative Education 1 or Part-Time Cooperative Education 2 or Full-Time Cooperative Education 1 or Full-Time Cooperative Education 2 or Full-Time Career Education Project	2	CEP 300	
Taken at NKU	Directed Elective: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies	3	IST 185	
TBS XXX	Directed Electives: Work with your NKU and CState advisors to select courses for your chosen fields. Up to 3 of these can be taken at NKU.	18	TBD XXX	
	<b>Total Associate Degree Credit Hours</b>	<b>62-64</b>		

TBS XXX means to be selected by Cincinnati State student.

TBD XXX means to be determined by NKU based on course selected at Cincinnati State.

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Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
IST 185	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies	3	Taken at NKU	x
IST 397	Interdisciplinary Inquiry	3		
	<b>Integrated Studies Track</b>			
	Choose first area of specialty from Arts and Sciences (plus pre-requisites as needed)	12+		
	Choose second area of specialty (plus pre-requisites, as needed)	12+		
	Choose third area of specialty (plus pre-requisites, as needed)	12+		
IST 497	Capstone in Interdisciplinary Studies	3		
	<b>General Studies Track</b>			
	Choose one area of specialty (plus pre-requisites, as needed)	12+		
TBS XXX	Choose one capstone course in any discipline (can be IST 497)	3		
	<b>Total Major Credit Hours Still Needed</b> (some credits can be completed at CState)	<b>18-42</b>		

Category 4: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
	<b>Subtotal Prerequisite &amp; Elective Credit Hours</b> (may need some credit hours at the 300/400 level)	<b>14-40</b>		
	<b>Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>		

**Integrated Studies Track**

Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS) – Integrated Studies Track must complete minors or areas of specialty in three disciplinary or interdisciplinary programs. The requirements for a minor in any program are listed in the relevant department’s pages in the catalog. An area of specialty is defined as 12 credit hours at the 300 level or above in any disciplinary or interdisciplinary program (major or minor). The three areas of study must include at least one area from the College of Arts and Sciences.

We also require IST 185, an introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies, and IST 497, the capstone course, which involves both a portfolio of artifacts and an Interdisciplinary final project.

Through the CState2NKU program a student can attain an Associate’s degree from Cincinnati State and then transfer to NKU to complete a Bachelor’s degree. In the Integrated Studies program students work

with advisors to design their own course of study from across the curriculum and integrate what they learn in a capstone project to find coherence, meaning and value in a personal area of interest. Below are just a few examples of pathways that appeal to many students.

- ***I would be interested in a career as a paralegal, legal assistant or legal administrator.*** A sample plan of study includes an area of specialty in Professional Writing, and areas of specialty in Communication Studies and Philosophy. Other programs of study include History, Political Science, International Studies, English, Anthropology, Law, and Human Resource Management.
- ***I want a career in arts management.*** A sample plan of study includes an area of specialty in one or more of the arts, Public Relations, and Art History. Other programs to consider include English, Professional Writing, History, and Education.
- ***I am interested in environmental issues.*** A sample plan of study includes an area of specialty in Environmental Studies, an area of specialty in Geography, and an area of specialty in Sociology. Other programs to consider include Biology, Chemistry, English, Geology, Environmental Education and Social Justice.
- ***I want to work with family services.*** A sample plan of study includes areas of specialty in Human Services and Addiction, Psychology, and Sociology. Other programs to consider include Social Work, Education, Women’s and Gender Studies, Health Education, Health Science, Black Studies, and Social Justice.
- ***I want to be involved in hospitality, event planning and promotion.*** A sample plan of study includes areas of specialty in Psychology, Public Relations, and Communication Studies. Other programs to consider include Theater, Human Resource Management, Sociology, Organizational Leadership, Professional Writing, and Media Informatics.
- ***I want to write and produce media about popular culture.*** A sample plan of study includes areas of specialty in Cinema Studies, Journalism, and Popular Culture Studies. Other programs to consider include Electronic Media Broadcasting, Anthropology, Music, Art History, and English.

**Arts Management.** What kinds of careers are available? Operas, symphonies, dance companies, record labels, museums, public radio or television, event promoters, marketing and media relations.

Prerequisites: TAR 160, JOU 110 (CState COMM 120 or GC 1405) or EMB 100 (CState COMM 1040, COMM 120, CULT 1646, HUM 1646), JOU 220 (CState COMM 1031, COMM 115, JOU 031, JOU 1031, JOUR 1031, JOUR 1032, TWE 5037), PRE 275, ARTH101 (CState ART 111, ART 1662, ART 1663, HUM 1662) or ARTH 100 (CState ART 112)

**Category 5: NKU Potential Area of Specialty for Arts Management**

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
Theatre	TAR 346	Theatre History	3		
Theatre	TAR 347	Dramatic Literature	3		
Theatre	TAR 371	Theater Management (pre-req: TAR 160)	3		

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
Theatre	TAR 376	Stage Management (pre-req: TAR 160)	3		
Public Relations	PRE 300	Event Planning and Messaging	3		
Public Relations	PRE 350	Music & Entertainment Publicity	3		
Public Relations	PRE 376	Public Relations Writing (pre-req or co-req: PRE 275 and JOU 220)	3		
Public Relations	PRE 377	Public Relations Cases and Campaigns (pre-req: PRE 275)	3		
Art History	ARTH 304	Survey of Asian Art (pre-req: 3 semester hours of ARTH)	3		
Art History	ARTH 349	Women and Art	3		
Art History	ARTH 351	Medieval Art (pre-req: ARTH 100 or ARTH101 or ARTH 304)	3		
Art History	ARTH 355	Art of the Twentieth Century (pre-req: ARTH 100 or ARTH 101 or ARTH 304)	3		
		<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>36</b>		

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**Environmental Issues.** What kinds of careers are available? Government, urban planning, industry, environmental technician, health and safety, park services, environmental education, conservation. The minor in Environmental Studies is recommended (22 hours).

Prerequisites: ENV 110 (NS) (CState EVS 110, EVS 7622) or BIO123 (NS) (CState EVET 7621), BIO 150/150L (NS) (CState BIO 131, BIO 4081/4082), CHE 120/120L (CState CHE 121/131, CHE 2204, CHE 2251/2252, CHE 2251/2253, CHE 2299, CMT 6611/6621, CMT 6611/6631, ILT 6611/6621, SLT 6611/6621), CHE 121/121L (CState CHE 122/132, CHE 2205, CHE 2252/2253, CMT 6621/6631, SLT 6621/6631), and SOC 101 (CState SOC 1272) or SOC 100 (SB) (CState SOC 105, SOC 1521).

**Category 6: NKU Potential Area of Specialty for Environmental Issues**

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
Environmental Studies	BIO 123	Human Ecology	3	EVET 7621	
Environmental Studies	BIO 151 BIO 151L	Biology II and Biology Laboratory II (pre-req: BIO 150)	4	BIO 132 or BIO 4082 & BIO 4083	
Environmental Studies	ENV 308	Science Communication (pre-req: ENV 110 or BIO 151)	3		

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
Environmental Studies	ENV 350	Environmental Toxicology (pre-req: BIO 151 and CHE 121)	3		
Environmental Studies	ENG 326	Literature and the Environment	3		
Environmental Studies	ANT 345	Environmental Anthropology	3		
Geography	GEO 306	Environmental Resource Management	3		
Geography	GEO 314	Maps & Map Interpretation	3	EVT 155 or EVT 225	
Geography	GEO 340	Sustainable Food Systems	3		
Geography	GEO 418	Geo Information Systems	4	CET 7949 or CET 7981	
Sociology	SOC 303	Social Psychology (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3		
Sociology	SOC 355	Sociology of the Environment (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3		
Sociology	SOC 371	Environment, Society, and Public Health (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3		
Sociology	SOC 415	Sociology of Planning and Development (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3		
		<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>44</b>		

**Hospitality.** What kinds of careers are available? Managerial work in hotels, restaurants, tourism industry, travel agency, public relations, travel writer,

Prerequisites: JOU 110 (CState COMM 120 or GC 1405) or EMB 100 (CState COMM 1040, COMM 120, CULT 1646, HUM 1646), JOU 220 (CState COMM 1031, COMM 115, JOU 031, JOU 1031, JOUR 1031, JOUR 1032, TWE 5037), CMST 101 (CState COMM 1020, COMM 110, SPE 1005, SPE 1020, SPE 1022) or CMSTS 110, CMST 220 (CState COMM 105, SPE 1023), PSY 100 (SB) (CState PSY 110, PSY 1505/1506), PRE 275.

**Category 7: NKU Potential Area of Specialty for Hospitality**

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
Public Relations	PRE 300	Public Relations Event Planning and Messaging	3		
Public Relations	PRE 376	Public Relations Writing (pre-req: PRE 275 and JOU 220)	3		
Public Relations	PRE 396	Public Relations Internship (pre-req: PRE 376)	3		

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
Public Relations	PRE 400	Public Relations Planning and Account Management (pre-req: PRE 275)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 303	Organizational Communication (pre-req: CMST 101 or CMST 110)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 320	Advanced Interpersonal Communication (pre-req: CMST 220)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 340	Strategies of Persuasion (pre-req: CMST 101 or CMST 110)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 355	Culture and Communication (pre-req: CMST 101 or CMST 110)	3		
Psychology	PSY 300	Personality Psychology (pre-req: PSY 100)	3		
Psychology	PSY 304	Consumer Psychology (pre-req: PSY 100)	3		
Psychology	PSY 315	Psychology of Human Sexuality (pre-req: PSY 100)	3		
Psychology	PSY 340	Social Psychology (pre-req: PSY 100)	3	PSY 220 or PSY 1511	
		<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>36</b>		

**Family Services.** What kinds of careers are available? Health services, counseling, social work, community work

Prerequisites: PSY 100 (SB) (CState PSY 110, PSY 1505/1506) and SOC 101 (CState SOC 1272) or SOC 100 (SB) (CState SOC 105, SOC 1521).

**Category 8: NKU Potential Area of Specialty for Family Services**

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
Psychology	PSY 300	Personality Psychology (pre-req: PSY 100)	3		
Psychology	PSY 321	Lifespan Development (pre-req: PSY 100)	3	PSY 1508 & PSY 1509 or PSY 1515 or PSY 225	
Psychology	PSY 333	Abnormal Psychology (pre-req: PSY 100)	3	PSY 200 or PSY 1507	
Psychology	PSY 405	Counseling Psychology (pre-req: PSY 100)	3		



Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
Sociology	SOC 315	Marriage and the Family (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3	SOC 115 or SOC 1526	
Sociology	SOC 334	Contemporary Sociological Theory (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3		
Sociology	SOC 342	Sociology of Aging (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3	SOC 130	
Sociology	SOC 435	Sociology of Sexualities (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3		
Human Services	HSR 300	Ethics and Issues in Human Service Profession	3		
Human Services	HSR 303	Multicultural Issues in Human Services	3		
Human Services	HSR 314	Death, Dying, and Grief	3		
Human Services	HSR 340	Introduction to Substance Use in Human Services	3		
<b>Total Hours</b>			<b>36</b>		

**Legal Studies.** What kinds of careers are available? Paralegal, probation officer, social worker, law school, court administrators and clerks, police officer, corrections, policy development and analysis, politics.

Prerequisites: ENG 102 (WC) (CState 1002/1003, ENG 1007, ENG 102, ENG 103, ENG 104), CMST 101 (OC) (CState COMM 1020, COMM 110, SPE 1005, SPE 1020, SPE 1022) or CMST 110 (OC), and CMST 220 (CState COMM 105, SPE 1023).

**Category 9: NKU Potential Area of Specialty for Legal Studies**

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
English	ENG 371	Traditional Grammar (pre-req: ENG 101)	3		
English	ENG 316	Social Issues in Literature (pre-req: ENG 101)	3		
English	ENG 340	Business Writing (pre-req: ENG 102)	3	ENG 1011 or TWE 5033	
English	ENG 345	Legal Writing (pre-req: ENG 102)	3	OT 3017	
Philosophy	PHI 302	Ethics and Scientific Research	3		
Philosophy	PHI 309	Global Ethics	3		
Philosophy	PHI 320	Social and Political Philosophy	3		
Philosophy	PHI 330	Philosophy and Law	3		

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
Communication Studies	CMST 310	Argumentation (pre-req: CMST 101 or CMST 110)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 320	Advanced Interpersonal Communication (pre-req: CMST 220)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 335	Communication and Conflict (pre-req: CMST 101 or CMST 110)	3		
Communication Studies	CMST 355	Culture and Communication (pre-req: CMST 101 or CMST 110)	3		
<b>Total Hours</b>			<b>36</b>		

**Arts and Culture Writing.** What kinds of careers are available? Freelance writing, media broadcasting, hospitality, arts journalism.

Prerequisites: JOU 110 (CState COMM 120 or GC 1405), EMB 100 (CState COMM 1040, COMM 120, CULT 1646, HUM 1646), JOU 220 (CState COMM 1031, COMM 115, JOU 031, JOU 1031, JOUR 1031, JOUR 1032, TWE 5037), CMST 101 (CState COMM 1020, COMM 110, SPE 1005, SPE 1020, SPE 1022) or CMST 110, MUS 108, CIN 200 (KCTCS HUM 281), CIN 301 (CState COMM 1044), PSC 100 (CState GOV 1531, POL 101, POL 1531, POL 1532), SOC 101 (CState SOC 1272) or SOC 100 (SB) (CState SOC 105, SOC 1521).

**Category 10: NKU Potential Area of Specialty for Arts and Culture Writing**

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
Popular Culture Studies	POP 369	Folklore and Pop Culture	3		
Popular Culture Studies	SOC 335	Popular Culture (pre-req: SOC 100 or SOC 101)	3		
Popular Culture Studies	POP 305	Black Popular Culture	3		
Popular Culture Studies	ANT 358	Art and Culture	3		
Journalism	JOU 485	Mass Communication Law (pre-req: JOU 110)	3		
Journalism	JOU 440	Current Topics in Media Ethics (pre-req: JOU 110 or EMB100)	3		
Journalism	JOU 321	Digital Publishing (pre-req: JOU 110 or EMB 100)	3		

Category	NKU Course	Course	Credits	CState Course	Taken at CState
Journalism	JOU 340	Feature Writing (pre-req: JOU 220)	3		
Cinema Studies	ENG 302	Literature and Film (AH)	3	COMM 1045	
Cinema Studies	HIS 380	History and Film	3		
Cinema Studies	CIN 494	Studies in Cinema (pre-req: CIN 200 or CIN 301 or CIN 302)	3		
Cinema Studies	PSC 320	American Politics in Film (pre-req: PSC 100, PSC 101, PSC 102, PSC 103 or PSC 110)	3		
		<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>36</b>		

### General Studies Track

Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS) –General Studies Track should work with an advisor to create a cohesive plan with the courses they have taken. The General Studies Track is available only in the accelerated online format and is open to students with at least 60 credit hours.

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