



DUAL CREDIT GENERAL EDUCATION PATHWAY GUIDE

Associate in Arts or Associate in Science

Overview

The dual credit general education pathway is designed to help you earn credits toward the 33 credit hours of KCTCS General Education Core courses required for an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) transfer degree. These core courses are accepted directly toward the first two years of a bachelor's degree (60 total credit hours in the AA/AS) and will be accepted by any public Kentucky university per [Kentucky's General Education Transfer Policy](#). Most universities located in contiguous states also accept these courses.

If you are in an Early or Middle College program or another limited access program, consult with your college-assigned advisor.

If you plan to pursue an AA or AS at a KCTCS college and/or transfer to a university, you should complete the 33 credit hours of the General Education Core through dual credit courses before taking any other general education courses. Completing all courses in Category 1 will give you the General Education Certification, which will be accepted by all public Kentucky institutions, even if their requirements are different. Individual general education courses will also transfer but you will need to fulfill that institutions General Education Core requirement if not completed through a KCTCS college. You may take additional general education courses for dual credit that meet the KCTCS AA/AS requirements once you have completed the initial 33 credit hours listed below. Work with your college advisor or a transfer university advisor to make sure that your dual credit courses will transfer to the college you plan to attend.

Whenever possible, chose courses that will satisfy pre-major requirements at the institution you plan to transfer to, especially in Categories 2 and 3.

General Transfer Requirements

See our [system transfer guides](#) to see how your dual credit course work can apply to a four-year degree.

Scholarship Information

You can use the two dual credit scholarship for any course in this pathway. The Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship can be used for the Digital Literacy Course.

KCTCS ASSOCIATE IN ARTS CHECKLIST

Category 1: KCTCS General Education Core Requirements (33 hours)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	Dual Credit Course Completed
ENG 101	Writing 1	3	
ENG 102	Writing 2	3	
COM 181 or COM 252	Basic Public Speaking or Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3	
HIS XXX	Heritage Course	3	
TBD XXX	Humanities Course	3	
TBD XXX	Natural Science Course with Lab	3-4	
MAT XXX or STA XXX	Quantitative Reasoning Course	3	
TBD XXX	Quantitative Reasoning or Natural Science Course	3	
TBD XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course*	3	
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	Subtotal General Education Courses	33-34	

TBD XXX means to be determined based on what is offered for dual credit by the high school or college.

*Two disciplines must be represented and different from those in the Arts and Humanities category.

Category 2: KCTCS AA Requirements (6 hours)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	Dual Credit Course Completed
TBD XXX	Arts & Humanities, Social & Behavioral Sciences or Foreign Language Course	3	
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	Subtotal AA Requirement Courses	6	

Category 3: KCTCS Electives (21 hours)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	Dual Credit Course Completed
	Digital Literacy	0-3	
	First-Year College Success Course/Experience*	0-3	
	Subtotal Elective Courses	21	
	TOTAL Associate Degree Hours	61	

Degree Requirements:

One courses must be selected from the identified Cultural Studies course list in the KCTCS catalog.

*Note, this course does not qualify for dual credit status per the Council on Postsecondary Education

KCTCS ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE CHECKLIST

Category 1: KCTCS General Education Core Requirements (33 hours)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	Dual Credit Course Completed
ENG 101	Writing 1	3	
ENG 102	Writing 2	3	
COM 181 or COM 252	Basic Public Speaking or Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3	
HIS XXX	Heritage Course	3	
TBD XXX	Humanities Course	3	
TBD XXX	Natural Science Course with Lab	3-4	
TBD XXX	Natural Science Course	3	
MAT XXX or STA XXX	Quantitative Reasoning Course	3	
MAT XXX or STA XXX	Quantitative Reasoning Course	3	
TBD XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course*	3	
TBD XXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Course*	3	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	33-34	

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Category 2: KCTCS AA Requirements (6 hours)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	Dual Credit Course Completed
TBD XXX	Quantitative Reasoning or Natural Sciences Course	3	
TBD XXX	Quantitative Reasoning or Natural Sciences Course	3	
	Subtotal AA Requirement Courses	6	

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	Digital Literacy	0-3	
	First-Year College Success Course/Experience*	0-3	
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