



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate of Science in Liberal Arts To
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate of Science (AS) in Liberal Arts degree at Ivy Tech Community College (ITCC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Journalism degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Applying to the IvyTech2NKU 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 Ivy Tech, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Ivy Tech.

Degree Requirements for Ivy Tech

To earn a degree at Ivy Tech a student must successfully complete the required number of credits for the degree, attain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the required technical and general education courses, and complete at least 15 degree credits in the curriculum as a regular student of Ivy Tech.

Admission Requirements for 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. In addition, students must earn a letter grade of C- or better and a 2.0 GPA in their major courses. Students must complete a focus or minor as indicated on the pathway.

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Students must complete the following courses for an AS in Liberal Arts.

Category 1: ITCC Indiana College Core Competencies

ITCC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENGL 111	English Composition	3	ENG 101	
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	CMST 101	
COMM 102	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (Indiana College Core Elective)	3	CMST 220	
MATH 13X	Finite Math or Higher Indiana College Core Mathematics Elective	3-4	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing (Indiana College Core Elective)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Scientific Ways of Knowing	3-5	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Scientific Ways of Knowing (Indiana College Core Elective)	3-5	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Indiana College Core Elective	3	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Core	30-35		

TBS XXX means to be selected by Ivy Tech student

TBD XXX means to be determined by NKU based on the course selected at Ivy Tech

Category 2: ITCC Degree Requirements for AS in Liberal Arts

ITCC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
IVYT 111	Student Success in University Transfer	1	UNV 100T	
PHIL 102 or POLS 101	Introduction to Ethics or Introduction to American Government and Politics	3	PHI 200 PSC 100	
COMM 201	Introduction to Mass Communication (Transfer Cluster)	3	JOU 110	
COMM 202	Small Group Communication (Transfer Cluster)	3	CMST 230	
COMM 211	Public Relations (Transfer Cluster)	3	PRE 275	
ENGL 215	Rhetoric and Argument	3	ENG 102	
LIBA 279	Liberal Arts Capstone Course	1	NCS 200T	
MATH 200	Statistics (Transfer Cluster)	3	STA 205	
TBS XXX	Mathematics, Science, Social and Behavioral Sciences Electives	6-10	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Transfer Cluster Elective	4	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal Category II Courses	30		
	Total Associate Degree Credit Hours	60-62		

Students who have completed ENGL 112 at ITCC will be given credit for ENG 102 at NKU.

Northern Kentucky University

Students must complete the following courses for the BA in Journalism.

Category 3: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Journalism

NKU Course	Course	Credits	ITCC Course	Taken at ITCC
CMST 101 or CMST 110	Public Speaking or Introduction to Communication Studies	3	COMM 101	x
EMB 140	Introduction to Media Aesthetics	3		
JOU 110	Introduction to Mass Communication	3	COMM 201	x
JOU 220	News Writing	3		
JOU 230	News Reporting and Writing	3		
JOU 346	Copy Editing and Design	3		
JOU 380	News Media Workshop	3		
JOU 440	Current Topics in Media Ethics	3		
JOU 450	Media Skills	3		
JOU 480	Advanced News Media Workshop	3		
JOU 485	Mass Communication Law	3		
Select 4: CEP 300 EMB 308 JOU 305 JOU 321 JOU 325 JOU 331 JOU 340 JOU 350 JOU 360 JOU 382 JOU 392 JOU 394 JOU 396 JOU 421 JOU 499	Select four courses from the following: Cooperative Education (1-3 credits) Electronic News Gathering Science in the Media Digital Publishing Photojournalism Specialty Reporting Feature Writing Issues in News Media Diversity Exploring the Future of News & Media Data Journalism Directed Research (0-6 credits) Special Topics in Journalism Internship Mass Communication History Independent Study: Journalism (1-3 credits)	12		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at NKU	39		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours Taken at ITCC	6		
	Total Credit Hours Required for the Major	45		

Category 4: Additional Requirements at NKU

	Category	Credits		
	Subtotal Minor or Focus	12-24		
	Subtotal Elective (some 300/400 level) Hours	0-9		

	Category	Credits		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	120-125		

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