

Transfer Guide Bachelor of Social Welfare

Independence Community College

For over 60 years, the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare has provided leadership and innovation in professional social work education. KU has the oldest school of social welfare in the state and the only one to offer degree preparation from the undergraduate level through doctoral degrees. Our Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) graduates consistently outscore the national average on the social work licensing exam. One hundred percent of our BSW graduates are employed or in graduate school soon after commencement. Our distinguished faculty are leading experts in many areas of practice, including: mental health, child welfare and child mental health, aging, spirituality in social work practice, criminal justice, poverty and other areas; and they bring this expertise to the classroom. Given our relatively small class sizes and accessible faculty, students are expected to become engaged in their own learning. They are encouraged to become involved in the life of the School through vibrant student groups and student representation on many School committees.

This transfer guide provides important information and a sample four-semester plan for a student starting at Independence Community College and transferring to KU to complete their degree. However, each student's background and goals are unique. Thus we recommend ongoing communication with an advisor in the KU School of Social Welfare. See contact information below.

School of Social Welfare Admission Requirements

1 Step One: Admission to the University of Kansas

All incoming students must first apply for admission to the University of Kansas. The application may be completed at www.admissions.ku.edu. Students must submit official college transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended. Students are directly admitted to the School of Social Welfare as new freshmen and transfer students. Transfer students must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA and at least 54 transferable credit hours. Being admitted does not guarantee permission to enroll in social welfare courses. Students must complete and pass the Advancement Review before being able to take 500 level coursework (see Step Two below). For scholarship consideration, apply to KU by February 1st prior to the fall/summer semester or November 1st prior to the spring semester you plan to transfer to KU.

2 Step Two: Advancement Review

For students to advance into 500- and 600-level coursework, they must complete and pass the B.S.W. **Advancement Review** which is due not later than one week before the start of fall classes, preferably earlier. The online process opens February 1st. The Advancement Review includes the following:

- 54 hours of general education coursework including completion of ENGL 101, ENGL 102, and Math 101 or LA&S 108
- Earned grade of B or higher in SW 220 (B- not accepted)
- Documented hours (20) of volunteer or paid work in a social service setting. Social service agencies are defined as agencies that serve high-risk human populations.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50
- Three letters of reference—one from a faculty member or instructor, one from a work or volunteer supervisor, and one from either previously mentioned. Personal or character references are not accepted.
- Electronically signed copies of *BSW Student Standards and Advancement Policies and Procedures*, *NASW Code of Ethics*, and the *KU Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities*

Additional Notes for Transfer Students:

- Transfer credits with earned grades of D+ and below will not satisfy degree requirements. However, they will be included in the transferable GPA.
- If a student takes a course and then repeats it at the same institution, KU will honor the course repeat policy in effect at the institution issuing the transcript. KU does not honor academic forgiveness/renewal policies from other institutions.
- All grades for academically forgiven courses will be included in the transferable GPAs.
- A Bachelor of Social Welfare degree requires a minimum of 120 credit hours of course work, including 12 credit hours of field practicum. At least 30 credit hours must be taken in residence at KU. At least 45 hours must be junior/senior level.
- A student may apply a maximum of 64 credit hours of community college coursework to a KU degree.
- Transfer courses may be matched to a course of higher level at KU, but the level of credit is defined by the originating institution. All community college courses are lower level.

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First Semester

Composition, ENGL 101 (GE 2.1)	ENG 1003	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Work, Soc. Welfare & US Society, SW 220 (GE 3S)	SOC 1213	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Psychology, PSYC 104 (GE 3S)	BEH 1003	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaker Audience Communication, COMS 130 (GE 2.2)	COM 1203	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	<input type="checkbox"/>

Second Semester

Critical Reading and Writing, ENGL 102 (GE 2.1)	ENG 1013	<input type="checkbox"/>
College Algebra, MATH 101 (GE 1.2)	MAT 1025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Principles of Biology and Lab, BIOL 100 & 102 (GE 3N)	BIO 1005	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Third Semester

Sociology, SOC 104 (GE 1.1)	SOC 1003	<input type="checkbox"/>
English Literature, ENGL 203, 209, 210, or 211 (GE 2.1)	ENG 2043	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Fourth Semester

Intro to US Politics (POLS 110)	POL 1023	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development and Learning of the Child, EPSY 305	BEH 1013	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intercultural Requirement*	See Below *	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	<input type="checkbox"/>

*To satisfy the intercultural requirement students may take any transfer course that satisfies KU Core Goal 4.2 *other than HUM 204 or 205*. Use the credit transfer website below to identify a course at your community college.

- If any of the entries above show “No Equivalent Course,” contact the advisor listed on the reverse side of this document for direction on a course to substitute.
- The BSW also requires a course equivalent to ECON 104, and either HUM 204 or 205. Equivalent courses for these are not offered at many community colleges. If you would like to complete the ECON requirement prior to transferring you may take courses equivalent to KU’s ECON 142 and 144. In addition, courses equivalent to KU’s ABSC 160 or PSYC 333 satisfy the EPSY 305 requirement.
- It is the STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer program is provided as a service and is updated annually. Degree requirements are subject to change.
- View the most up-to-date listings of transferable courses at: <http://credittransfer.ku.edu>. You can search by specific KU Core goal or view many of the courses that transfer to KU. If a class is not listed contact transfercredit@ku.edu to inquire about transferability.