

# 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. Ninety-eight 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 for the remaining coursework. 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 at the bottom of this

## 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 online at [www.admissions.ku.edu](http://www.admissions.ku.edu). Students must submit official college transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended. Please note that indicating "social welfare" as your major choice on your application to KU does not grant you entry to the KU School of Social Welfare (see Step Two below). The School of Social Welfare admits for the fall semester only. If you transfer to KU and start in the spring you will be considered a pre-social welfare student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences until applying and being accepted to the social work program for the following fall. For scholarship consideration, we encourage you to apply to KU by February 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the fall/summer semester or November 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the spring semester you plan to transfer to KU.

**2 Step Two: Admission to the KU School of Social Welfare**  
Submit a BSW application online at [www.socwel.ku.edu/admissions/bsw](http://www.socwel.ku.edu/admissions/bsw). Students are admitted for the fall semester only. New transfer applications should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the June 15 deadline to allow time for references to complete online reference forms. Transfer students are eligible to apply during the semester they will complete the minimum requirements to apply (see below). In the instance that one or more of the pre-admission criteria has not been completed before transferring to KU, the student will be considered a pre-social welfare student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences until meeting the minimum requirements to apply to the School.

### Requirements to Apply to the KU School of Social Welfare:

Transfer students are eligible to apply during the semester they will complete the minimum application requirements:

1. 36 or more completed transferable credit hours with a 2.5 GPA or higher **and**
2. Completion of College Algebra (MATH 101) and English Composition I and II (ENGL 101 and 102) with a C- or better.

**Admission is competitive.**

### 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.

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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"/>
HIST 128 or 129, or other US Cultural Course <sup>1</sup>	HIS 1023 or HIS 1063	<input type="checkbox"/>
College Algebra, MATH 101 (GE 1.2)	MAT 1025	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Second Semester

Critical Reading and Writing, ENGL 102 (GE 2.1)	ENG 1013	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economics Requirement, ECON 104 or 142 & 144 <sup>2</sup>	BUS 2023 & 2033	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaker Audience Communication, COMS 130 (GE 2.2)	COM 1203	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sociology, SOC 104 (GE 4.1)	SOC 1003	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Third Semester

Principles of Biology and Lab, BIOL 100 & 102 (GE 3N)	BIO 1005	<input type="checkbox"/>
English Literature, ENGL 203, 209, 210, or 211 (GE 1.1)	ENG 2043	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intercultural Studies, AE42 Global & Cultural Awareness	Select Approved AE42 Course	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Fourth Semester

Intro to US Politics (POLS 110)	POL 1023	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development and Learning of the Child, EPSY 305 <sup>2</sup>	BEH 1013	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Responsibility & Ethics, AE 5.1	Select Approved AE5.1 Course	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	<input type="checkbox"/>

<sup>1</sup> Please view the [Bachelor of Social Work Degree Requirements](#) for a list of KU courses that meet the US Cultural Studies degree requirement. You may then select a course that transfers from your college to KU as an equivalent using [CredTran](#). Please contact an advisor if you would like assistance.

<sup>2</sup> The BSW also requires a course equivalent to ECON 104, and either HUM 204 or 205. An equivalent course is 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.

Transfer courses may be matched to a course of opposite level at KU, but the level of credit is defined by the originating institution. (All community college courses are lower level.) 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](mailto:transfercredit@ku.edu) to inquire about transferability.