



Johnson County Community College
Transfer Program to the University of Kansas
School of Social Welfare, BSW
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The [Associate of Arts, AA](#) at JCCC is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the AA may select courses that satisfy both the AA degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the AA allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. The AA degree requires completion of 60 credit hours. Meeting with a [JCCC counselor](#) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

- **Step One: Admission to the University of Kansas** – Students are directly admitted to the School of Social Welfare as new freshman and transfer students. Incoming students must first apply for admission to the University of Kansas. The application may be completed at [KU Admissions](#). Students must submit official college transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended. Transfer students must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA and at least 24 transferable credit hours. Being admitted does not guarantee permission to enroll in social welfare courses. Students must complete the Advancement Review before being able to take 500-level coursework. For scholarship consideration, apply to KU by May 1st prior to the summer/fall semester or December 1st prior to the spring semester you plan to transfer to KU.
- **Step Two: Advancement Requirements** - For students to advance into 500 and 600 level Social Welfare coursework, they must complete the following:
 - 54 hours of General Education requirements or elective hours
 - Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
 - Earned grade of "B" or higher in SW 220.
 - Submitted signed electronic copy of School of Social Welfare Standards and Advancement Policies and Procedures, NASW Code of Ethics, and the KU Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

If all the above criteria are met, students are successfully advanced into 500 level coursework.

Note: Students must complete all general education requirements including electives prior to the start of 600 level course work and practicum.

- For the BSW program they can transfer up to 72 credit hours.
 - 34 hours of Core 34 requirements including SW 220 (degree requirement).
 - 6 hours of degree required social and behavioral sciences beyond the Core 34 requirements.
 - 32 hours of electives.
- At least 30 credit hours must be taken at KU; 45 junior/senior level credit hours are required.
- Degree Requirements include:
 - A minimum of 120 credit hours of course work including 12 credit hours of practicum.
 - 48 Social Welfare hours.
 - 34 hours of Core 34 requirements including SW 220 (degree requirement).
 - 6 hours of degree required social and behavioral sciences beyond the Core 34 requirements.
 - 32 hours of electives.
 - A 2.0 minimum grade-point average in call coursework (cumulative KU GPA).
 - Successful completion of practicum.
 - Recommendation by the faculty of the school to the chancellor and the Kansas Board of Regents that the degree be granted.
- Pass/Fail Policy - Not allowable for any required SW (prefix) courses.
- Students may complete the BSW degree on the Lawrence campus in courses offered during the daytime. Late afternoon and evening courses meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the KU Edwards campus. Social work major courses are not offered online. The major is identical on both Lawrence and Edwards Campuses; only the times the courses are offered differ.
- To find out which of the courses listed are offered online, visit [JCCC Online Learning](#).
- Students transferring to KU, that complete the General Education requirements required for the [Associate of Arts \(AA\)](#), [Associate of Fine Arts \(AFA\)](#) or [Associate of Science \(AS\)](#) degree from JCCC will be considered to have satisfied KU's Core 34 general education curriculum.
- Students who transfer to KU, without completing the General Education requirements required for the [Associate of Arts \(AA\)](#), [Associate of Fine Arts \(AFA\)](#) or [Associate of Science \(AS\)](#) degree will have courses evaluated on a course-by-course basis toward meeting KU requirements. To learn more about courses that satisfy [KU Core 34 Requirements](#) and [KU CredTran](#).
- [KU's Core 34 General Education Guide](#)

Recommended Courses to be Taken at JCCC for KU BSW

| KU Courses | Hrs | JCCC Courses | KU Core 34 | Hrs |
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| KU Core 34 | | | | |
| Core 34: English | 6 | See KU Core 34 General Education guide | ENG | 6 |
| Core 34: Communications | 3 | See KU Core 34 General Education guide | CMS | 3 |
| Core 34: Math or Statistics | 3 | See KU Core 34 General Education guide | MTS | 3 |
| Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences | 4-5 | See KU Core 34 General Education guide | NPS/NLEC/ NLAB | 4-5 |
| Core 34: Social and Behavior Science <i>(Select two courses in two different disciplines – 6 hrs. total)</i> | 3 | See KU Core 34 General Education guide | SBS | 3 |
| ^SW 220 SW 220 Intro to Social Work, Social Welfare & U.S. Society ^^ | 3 | ^SOC 146 Intro to Social Work and Social Welfare ^{CD} | | 3 |
| Core 34: Arts and Humanities <i>(Select two courses in two different disciplines – 6 hrs. total)</i> | 6 | See KU Core 34 General Education guide | AH | 6 |
| Core 34: US Culture – Institutionally Designated | 3 | See KU Core 34 General Education guide | USC | 3 |
| Core 34: Global Culture - Institutionally Designated | 3 | See KU Core 34 General Education guide | GLBC | 3 |
| Six (6) hours of degree required Social and Behavioral Sciences beyond the Core 34 requirements | 6 | For a list of courses with JCCC equivalents - See KU Core 34 General Education guide | | 6 |
| Electives | 32 | Check KU CredTran for course options and JCCC equivalents. Must earn a grade of “C-” or higher or “P” for pass. | | 32 |

* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

^ Students must complete SW 220 before entering 500 level classes and must earn a grade of “B” or higher.

^^This course is a Required major course and is also part of Core 34: Systemwide General Education. If this course is not taken to fulfill the Core 34:SGE requirement, it must be taken in place of elective hours.

^{CD} These courses fulfill the cultural diversity requirements for the Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree.

It is the STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate up to date information about the program, it is imperative you meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.