



Johnson County Community College  
Transfer Program to the University of Kansas  
**Exploratory Student Pathways**  
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Jayhawk Exploratory Advising uses KU's six student pathways as the starting point to your major exploration journey. Each area has curriculum and engagement recommendations based on the KU Core and other courses and opportunities at The University of Kansas. After the student selects their major, they will be able to continue to engage with their student pathway throughout their time at KU to build the skills they need for a successful career.

The six student pathways include:

- Business, Communication & Leadership
- Creative Arts and Design
- Education & Public Service
- Health & Behavioral Sciences
- Languages & Cultures
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math

**Exploratory Timeline for KU Transfer Students:**

- **Pre-Admission events**
  - Before you officially commit to KU, you can meet us at KU Admissions events such as Crimson & Blue Days, Rock Chalk Days, Transfer Fridays and Jayhawk Days. Look for any Major Exploration sessions hosted by Jayhawk Academic Advising!
- **Applying to KU as Exploratory**
  - Want to contact someone about becoming a Jayhawk? Contact your Admissions Representative through [the representative finder tool](#); all you need is your ZIP code.
  - What does being an exploring student look like on your admissions application?
  - You apply using the [KU Direct Application](#) for The University of Kansas
  - Application section breakdown:
    - Biographical Information
    - Family/Residency Information
    - Academic Interests:
      - Section A prompts you to select any "tracks" you might be interested in--typically for graduate school.
      - Section B will be where you select an Exploratory Pathway; scroll down to "Deciding" to view them!
  - You can [apply to KU](#) to submit your application online.
- **Send us your Transcripts**
  - Don't forget to send in your [transcripts](#) from your previous institution. You can use the [KU CredTran](#) website to see how your courses from your previous institution have previously been evaluated by and transferred to KU.
- **Meet with your Navigator**
  - Your navigator is a designated staff member who will help you set up your KU account and give you information about the technology KU uses. They will also set up your Transfer Welcome Meeting with a Jayhawk Academic Advisor.

- **Transfer Welcome Meeting**

- An advisor will meet with you to discuss your interests, talk about why KU, and help you choose classes that will be right for you. You will have the chance to enroll in some exploratory classes. Though many of these courses will align with [KU Core](#) courses, exploratory courses serve a function even if they do not meet specific degree requirements or potential major requirements. Many majors only require between 30-36 credit hours of major specific courses, so taking a few exploratory courses won't hinder your progress to graduation. Instead, these courses are opportunities to explore your interests and to help narrow down your list of potential majors!
- By the end of the meeting, you will be fully enrolled in your first semester as an Exploratory student at KU! You will leave with a wealth of resources to help you stay connected with us before you come back to campus.

- **Transfer Orientation (choose one of the three options):**

- **In Person Half Day Session**
  - At this half-day session at the Lawrence campus, you and other new transfer students will attend panels and presentations and learn about campus resources. You'll also have the option to tour the Hill and participate in community-building events.
- **Attend Remotely Via Zoom**
  - For students who can't attend in person, we'll host half-day sessions via Zoom. Remote attendees will be able to ask questions and engage in discussions with Onboarding staff and participants. (We encourage — but do not require — remote attendees to have their cameras on.)
- **Online Course**
  - Like our live Onboarding sessions, this online course covers information about your first year and the KU student experience. Unlike live sessions, it will not feature presentations or interactions with other people.
  - Register for the [orientation session](#) of your choice!

- **Regular Advising**

- You will be assigned an academic advisor at the start of your first semester, before you begin courses. You can find and make an appointment with your advisor on [Jayhawk GPS](#). Your advisor will communicate with you via email several times throughout the semester, so be sure to check your email regularly!
- During advising meetings, it is important to be honest about your goals and interests so that your advisor can help you find the major that best aligns with your interests, strengths, and future plans. Your advisor will also connect you to resources to help you explore on your own.
- Your [student pathways](#) exploratory advising journey will be an iterative process tailored to your own needs.

- **Math Placement** – KU requires that students know their math placement before they enroll for their first semester. If you don't have a recent ACT/SAT score, then KU recommends students take the [ALEKS math placement exam](#) for free.
- **English Placement** – No ACT/SAT score or ACT below 27/SAT below 630: placed into ENGL 101.  
ACT of 27 or higher/SAT of 630 or higher: awarded 3 credits for ENGL 101 and placed into ENGL 102.
- 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](#).
- Visit the [KU's Core 34 General Education Guide](#) for JCCC equivalents.

**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.**

## KU Core 34

KU Courses	Hrs	JCCC Courses	KU Core 34	Hrs
<b>KU Core 34</b>				
Core 34: English	6	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	ENG	6
Core 34: Communications	3	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	CMS	3
Core 34: Math & Statistics	3	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	MTS	3
Core 34: Natural & Physical Sciences	4-5	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	NPS/NLEC/ NLAB	4-5
Core 34: Social and Behavior Science ( <i>Select two courses in two different disciplines – 6 hrs. total</i> )	6	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	SBS	6
Core 34: Arts and Humanities ( <i>Select two courses in two different disciplines – 6 hrs. total</i> )	6	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	AH	6
Core 34: US Culture – Institutionally Designated	3	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	USC	3
Core 34: Global Culture - Institutionally Designated	3	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	GLBC	3

## Business, Communication & Leadership Exploratory Courses

KU Courses	Hrs	JCCC Courses	Hrs
ACCT 200 Fundamentals of Financial Accounting	4	ACCT 122 Accounting II*	3
FIN 101 Personal Finance	3	BUS 123 Personal Finance	3
COMS 144 Interpersonal Communication	3	COMS 120 Interpersonal Communication	3
COMS 130 Speaker-Audience Communication	3	COMS 121 Public Speaking	3
ECON 144 Macroeconomic	3	ECON 230 Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 142 Microeconomics	3	ECON 231 Principles of Microeconomics	3
HSES 289 Introduction to Sport Management	3	HPER 250 Introduction to Sports Management	3
JMC 101 Media and Society	3	JOUR 120 Mass Media and Society	3

\* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

## Creative Arts and Design Exploratory Courses

KU Courses	Hrs	JCCC Courses	Hrs
ARCH 103 Introduction to Architecture	3	ARCH 120 Introduction to Architecture	3
ART 101 Drawing	3	ART 130 Drawing I	3
ART 131 Fundamentals of Ceramics	3	ART 142 Ceramics I	3
ART 122 Fundamentals of Sculpture	3	ART 145 Sculpture I	3
ART 132 Fundamentals of Metalsmithing & Jewelry	3	ART 148 Metal and Silversmithing I	3
ADS 320 Hallmark Symposium	1	ART 199 Fine Arts Symposium	1
HA 150 History of Western Art: Ancient through Medieval Times	3	ARTH 180 Art History: Ancient and Medieval	3
HA 151 History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary	3	ARTH 182 Art History: Renaissance to Modern	3
HA 166 Visual Arts of East Asia	3	ARTH 186 Art History: Introduction to Asian Art	3
FMS 100 Introduction to Film and Media <b>OR</b> PHOT 101 Fundamentals of Photography	3	FMS 100 Intro to Film	3
FMS 200 Film and Media Aesthetics	3	FMS 200 Intro to Filmmaking and Media Aesthetics	3
MUSC 136 Masterworks of Music	3	MUS 121 Introduction to Music Listening	3

## Creative Arts and Design Exploratory Courses cont.

KU Courses	Hrs	JCCC Courses	Hrs
MUSC 309 History of Rock and Roll	3	MUS 128 History of Rock and Roll Music	3
PIAN 111 Elementary Keyboard Musicianship	2	MUS 221 Piano Class I	2
PHOT 200 Foundations in Photography	3	PHOT 200 Foundations in Photography	3
THR 100 Introduction to the Theatre	3	THEA 120 Introduction to Theater	3
THR 106 Acting I	3	THEA 121 Fundamentals of Acting <b>OR</b> THEA 130 Acting I*	3 3
THR 111 Makeup	1	THEA 135 Stage Makeup	2
THR 220 Costume Production	2	FASH 124 Apparel Construction II* <b>OR</b> THEA 136 Costume Construction <b>OR</b> THEA 250 Introduction to Costume Design	4 3 3
THR 216 Scenic Production	2	THEA 140 Basic Stagecraft <b>OR</b> THEA 245 Introduction to Scene Design*	3 3
THR 215 Approaching Design	3	THEA 145 Introduction to Theater Design	3
THR 224 Lighting Production	2	THEA 260 Introduction to Light, Sound, and Projections	3

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## Education & Public Service Exploratory Courses

KU Courses	Hrs	JCCC Courses	Hrs
UBPL 200 Sustainability and Society	3	ARCH 220 Sustainability in the Built Environment	3
CRIM 300 Intro to Criminal Justice	3	CJ 121 Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3
C&T 100 Introduction to the Education Profession	3	EDUC 121 Introduction to Teaching*	3
HIST 128 History of the US through the Civil War	3	HIST 140 U.S. History to 1877	3
HIST 129 History of the US after the Civil War	3	HIST 141 U.S. History Since 1877	3
HSES 260 Personal and Community Health	3	HPER 202 Personal Community Health	3
HSES 244 Introduction to Physical Education & Sport Studies	3	HPER 255 Introduction to Physical Education	3
JMC 101 Media & Society	3	JOUR 120 Mass Media and Society	3
POLS 110 Introduction to US Politics	3	POLS 124 American National Government	3
POLS 150 Comparative Politics	3	POLS 132 Introduction to Comparative Government	3
POLS 170 International Politics	3	POLS 135 International Relations	3
POLS 320 Intro to Public Policy	3	POLS 220 Introduction to Public Policy	3
PSYC 104 General Psychology	3	PSYC 130 Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 104 Elements of Sociology	3	SOC 122 Introduction to Sociology	3
SW 220 Social Work, Social Welfare, and US Society	3	SOC 146 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	3
WGSS 101 Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3	WGS 201 Global Women's Studies	3

\* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

## Health & Behavioral Sciences Exploratory Courses

KU Courses	Hrs	JCCC Courses	Hrs
GIST 210 Culture and Health	3	ANTH 160 Medical Anthropology	3
BIOL 100 Principles of Biology	3	BIOL 121 Introductory Biology for Non-Majors	4
BIOL 150 Molecular & Cellular Biology	4	BIOL 135 Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4
HSES 330 Principles of Nutrition and Health	3	BIOL 235 The Science of Human Nutrition* <b>OR</b> DIET 151 Nutrition and Meal Planning	3 3
CHEM 130 General Chemistry	5	CHEM 124/125 General Chemistry I*/Lab*	4/1
CRIM 300 Intro to Criminal Justice	3	CJ 121 Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3
HEIM 230 Medical Terminology	3	HC 130 Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professions	3
HSES 260 Personal and Community Health	3	HPER 202 Personal Community Health	3
HSES 269 Introduction to Exercise Science	3	HPER 215 Introduction to Exercise Science	3
HSES 244 Introduction to Physical Education & Sport Studies	3	HPER 255 Coaching Principles: Coaching Terms and Individuals for Success	3
PSYC 104 General Psychology	3	PSYC 130 Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 104 Elements of Sociology	3	SOC 122 Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 160 Social Problems & American Values	3	SOC 125 Social Problems	3
SOC 220 Sociology of Families	3	SOC 131 Sociology of Families	3
AMS 110 American Identities	3	SOC 180 Inequality and Diversity in The United States	3
WGSS 101 Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3	WGS 201 Global Women's Studies	3

\* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

## Languages & Cultures Exploratory Courses

KU Courses	Hrs	JCCC Courses	Hrs
ANTH 160 Varieties of Human Experience	3	ANTH 130 World Cultures	3
GIST 210 Culture and Health	3	ANTH 160 Medical Anthropology	3
HA 150 History of Western Art: Ancient through Medieval	3	ARTH 180 Art History: Ancient to Medieval	3
HA 166 The Visual Arts of East Asia	3	ARTH 186 Art History: Introduction to Asian Art	3
ENGL 210 Introduction to Poetry	3	ENGL 227 Introduction to Poetry*	3
GEOG 100 World Regional Geography	3	GEOS 145 World Regional Geography	3
GEOG 102 People, Place, and Society	3	GEOS 155 Human Geography	3
AAAS 105/HIST 104 Intro to African History	3	HIST 132 History of Africa	3
ECIV 104 Eastern Civilizations	3	HIST 135 Eastern Civilization	3
AAAS 104 Intro to African-American Studies	3	HIST 137 African American History	3
HIST 105 Introduction to Ancient Near East & Greek History	3	HIST 143 Ancient Greece, the Near East and Egypt	3
HIST 106 Intro to Roman History	3	HIST 145 History of Ancient Rome	3
AAAS 102 Arabic & Islamic Studies	3	HIST/HUM/REL 150 Islam: Religion and Civilization	3
HIST 121 Modern Latin American	3	HIST 162 Modern Latin America	3
HUM 110 Introduction to Humanities	3	HUM 122 Introduction to Humanities	3
SLAV 140 Introduction to Russian Culture	3	HUM 137 Introduction to Humanities	3
CLSX 148 Greek and Roman Mythology	3	HUM 155 Classical Mythology	3
PHIL 140 Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHIL 121 Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 148 Reason and Argument	3	PHIL 124 Logic and Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 160 Introduction to Ethics	3	PHIL 143 Ethics	3
REL 104 Introduction to Religious Studies	3	REL 120 Exploring World Religions	3
AMS 110 American Identities	3	SOC 180 Inequality and Diversity in The United States	3

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## Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Exploratory Courses

KU Courses	Hrs	JCCC Courses	Hrs
UBPL 200 Sustainability and Society	3	ARCH 220 Sustainability in the Built Environment	3
ASTR 191 Contemporary Astronomy	3	ASTR 120 Fundamentals of Astronomy <b>OR</b> ASTR 122 Astronomy	3 4
BIOL 150 Principles of Molecular and Cellular Biology <b>AND</b> BIOL 154 Intro to Biology Lab for STEM Majors	4 2	BIOL 135 Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4
CHEM 130 General Chemistry	5	CHEM 124/125 General Chemistry I*/Lab*	4/1
EVRN 140 Global Environment I: Discovery of Environmental Change	3	EVRN 130 Environmental Science	3
GEOL 101 The Way the Earth Works	3	GEOS 130 General Geology	5
GEOG 104 Principles of Physical Geography	3	GEOS 140 Physical Geography	3
ATMO 105 Introductory Meteorology	5	GEOS 160 Introduction to Meteorology	5
HEIM 230 Medical Terminology	3	HC 130 Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professions	3
MATH – consult with your advisor	3-5	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> <b>OR</b> <a href="#">KU CredTran</a> for JCCC equivalents.	3-5
PHSX 114 College Physics I	4	PHYS 130 College Physics I*	5

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