Transfer Guide
Bachelor of Social Welfare

Hesston College

The School of Social Welfare provides the education and experience necessary for a career in social work. KU has the oldest school of social welfare in the state and is the only school to offer BSW, MSW, and PhD programs. Ninety-seven percent of our BSW graduates are employed or in graduate school soon after graduation. By helping shape students' capacity for caring, the school prepares social workers to carry out the specific purpose of the professional, to develop human potential, to promote individual well-being, and to bring about a more just society. Students will be able to practice competently, under professional supervision, with a variety of client systems, and at all system levels upon graduation.

This transfer guide provides important information and a sample four-semester plan for a student starting at Hesston 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**
Student are directly admitted to the School of social welfare as new transfer students. Incoming students must first apply for admission to the University of Kansas. The application may be completed at admissions.ku.edu. 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 and pass the Advancement Review before being able to take 500-level coursework (see Step Two below). 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.

2 **Step Two: Advancement Review**
For students to advance into 500-level coursework, they must complete and pass the **BSW Advancement Review** which is due by July 31st. Students will gain access to the Advancement Review portal after being admitted through Step One above.

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)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50

- One reference form from a professional or academic reference. Personal or character references are not accepted. Form is found in Advancement Review portal.
- 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.

First Semester

KU Requirement	Recommended Course at Hesston College	
Composition, ENGL 101 (GE 2.1)	ENGL 125	☐
Intro to Social Work/Welfare, SW 220 (GE 3S)	No Equivalent Course	☐
General Psychology, PSYC 104 (GE 3S)	PSY 200	☐
Speaker Audience Communication, COMS 130 (GE 2.2)	COMM 206	☐
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	☐

Second Semester

Critical Reading and Writing, ENGL 102 (GE 2.1)	ENGL 135	☐
College Algebra, MATH 101 (GE 1.2)	MASC 105	☐
Principles of Biology and Lab, BIOL 100 & 102 (GE 3N)	BISC 100	☐
Western Civilization, HUM 204 or HUM 205	HIST 101	☐
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	☐

Third Semester

Sociology, SOC 104 (GE 1.1)	SOC 203	☐
English Literature, ENGL 203, 209, 210, or 211 (GE 2.1)	No Equivalent Course	☐
Economics, ECON 104 or 142	ECON 222	☐
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	☐

Fourth Semester

Intro to US Politics, POLS 110	POLS 121	☐
Child/Adolescent Dev., ABSC 160, EPSY 305, PSYC 333	EDUC 202	☐
Intercultural Studies* (see below)	See Below *	☐
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	☐

*To satisfy the intercultural studies 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 requires a course equivalent to HUM 204 or 205. Equivalent courses may not be offered at many community colleges. In this case, an elective is recommended for the second semester. Western Civilization would need to be taken at KU at a later date.

- 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.