

# 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**

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 [admissions.ku.edu](https://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: Admission to the KU School of Social Welfare**

For students to advance into the 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 transferable 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.

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**First Semester**

Composition, ENGL 101 (GE 2.1)	ENGL 125	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Work/Welfare, SW 220 (GE 3S)	No Equivalent Course	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Psychology, PSYC 104 (GE 3S)	PSY 200	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaker Audience Communication, COMS 130 (GE 2.2)	COMM 206	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Second Semester**

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

**Third Semester**

Sociology, SOC 104 (GE 4.1)	SOC 203	<input type="checkbox"/>
English Literature, ENGL 203, 209, 210, or 211 (GE 1.1)	No Equivalent Course	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economics, ECON 104 or ECON 142	ECON 222	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Fourth Semester**

Intro to US Politics, POLS 110	POLS 121	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child/Adolescent Dev. ABSC 160, EPSY 305 or PSYC 333	EDUC 202	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intercultural Studies * (see below)	See Below *	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective	Select Any Transferable Course	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* 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: [credittransfer.ku.edu](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.