

Criminal Justice, BA, BS

University of Kansas - Edwards Campus

Johnson County Community College Transfer Program to the University of Kansas, Edwards Campus	Academic Success Navigators
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Program Description

The Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degreerequirements/associate-arts/>) degree 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 (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/counseling/academic-counseling/>) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

KU offers two-degree options for Criminal Justice a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Sciences. Both degrees are available online or at the Lawrence Campus and may be started in any term including summer. A 12-hour concentration is required with both degrees, and students can select that concentration after enrolling at KU.

Concentrations include:

- Crime and Intelligence Analysis
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Critical Criminology
- Global Crime
- Inclusive Criminal Justice Populations
- Law and Society
- Leadership and Ethics in Public Service

Admissions Requirements

The following admission requirement applies to both degree options:

- Applicants are assured admission with 24+ transferable credit hours with a GPA of 2.5. Only transfer grades of “C-” or higher will count towards KU degree requirements. All grades count in the transferable GPA used for admission decisions. Apply at KU Admissions (<https://admissions.ku.edu/>) by selecting the Transfer application and selecting Online or Lawrence Campus.

Graduation Requirements

- The minimum total hours for graduation is 120. A maximum of 75 hours may be transferred to KU from community colleges. Students should be aware that 45 junior/senior credit hours are required for completion of the bachelor’s degree; 30 of those hours must be at KU; and community college courses do not transfer as junior/senior hours.

KU Core 34 Requirements

- Students transferring to KU, that complete the General Education requirements required for the Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-science/>) 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) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-science/>) 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 (<https://catalog.ku.edu/core34/>) and KU CredTran (<https://creditransfer.ku.edu/>).
- Visit the KU Core 34 General Education guide (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/transfer/files/transfer-guides/ku-core-requirements.pdf>) 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 information about the program, you must meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.

Program Requirements

KU Core 34 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Visit the KU Core 34 English (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (two courses)		6
Visit the KU Core 34 Communications (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.		3
Visit the KU Core 34 Math and Statistics (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.		3
Visit the KU Core 34 Natural and Physical Sciences (lab required) (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.		4-5
Visit the KU Core 34 Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (Select two courses in two different disciplines)		6
Visit the KU Core 34 Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (Select two courses in two different disciplines)		6
Visit the KU Core 34 US Culture (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (Institutionally Designated)		3
Visit the KU Core 34 Global Culture (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (Institutionally Designated)		3

Recommended JCCC courses for KU Edwards Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
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CJ 121	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3	CRIM 300	Intro to Criminal Justice	3

Foreign Language: BA students must demonstrate fourth-semester proficiency in a single non-English language, OR third semester proficiency in a first non-English language and first-semester proficiency in a second non-English language. Visit JCCC Foreign Language (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/coursedescriptions/fl/>) and JCCC American Sign Language (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/coursedescriptions/asl/>) for

course options. Meeting with a JCCC counselor (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/counseling/academic-counseling/>) is strongly recommended for placement into appropriate courses.

Recommended JCCC courses for KU Edwards Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
CJ 121	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3	CRIM 300	Intro to Criminal Justice	3

One additional Natural and Physical Science course (3 hrs): Fulfilled by any Natural and Physical Science course from KU Core 34. Visit the KU Core 34 General Education guide (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/transfer/files/transfer-guides/ku-core-requirements.pdf>) for JCCC equivalents.

One additional Quantitative Reasoning course (3 hrs): Fulfilled by any MATH course from KU Core 34. Visit the KU Core 34 General Education guide (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/transfer/files/transfer-guides/ku-core-requirements.pdf>) for JCCC equivalents.

* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

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