

University of Kansas

Exploratory Student Pathways

Johnson County Community College Transfer Program to the University of Kansas	Jayhawk Exploratory Advising
	785-864-2834
Exploratory Student Pathways	explore@ku.edu
Academic Year 2026-2027	Exploring Majors with Student Pathways (https://explore.ku.edu/student-pathways-explore)

Program Description

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 (<https://admissions.ku.edu/rebs>); 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 (<https://go2.ku.edu/apply/?sr=bc5af501-af82-4337-b42a-7dff175e378b>) 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 (<https://admissions.ku.edu/apply>) to submit your application online.

Send us your Transcripts

- Don't forget to send in your transcripts (<https://admissions.ku.edu/apply/credit-transfer>) from your previous institution. You can use the KU CredTran (<https://creditransfer.ku.edu/>) 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 (<https://kucore.ku.edu/>) 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 (<https://orientation.ku.edu/transfer-onboarding>) of your choice!

Regular Advising

- You will be assigned an academic advisor at the start of your first semester, before you begin courses. Visit Jayhawk GPS (<https://jayhawkgps.ku.edu/find-success-team-and-resources>) to find and make an appointment with your advisor. 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 (<https://explore.ku.edu/student-pathways-explore>) 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 (<https://mathematics.ku.edu/taking-placement-assessment>) for

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

- Students transferring to KU, that complete the General Education requirements required for the Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/requirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/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/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/requirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/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://credittransfer.ku.edu/>).

Visit the KU's Core 34 General Education Guide (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-general-education/>) for JCCC equivalents.

Code	Title	Hours
KU Core 34 English (two courses)		6
KU Core 34 Communications		3
KU Core 34 Math and Statistics		3
KU Core 34 Natural and Physical Sciences (lab required)		4-5
KU Core 34 Social and Behavioral Sciences (Select two courses in two different disciplines)		6
KU Core 34 Arts and Humanities (Select two courses in two different disciplines)		6
KU Core 34 US Culture (Institutionally Designated)		3
KU Core 34 Global Culture (Institutionally Designated)		3

Business, Communication & Leadership Exploratory Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title		Hours		
ACCT 122	Accounting II *	3	ACCT 200	Fund of Financial Accounting	4
BUS 123	Personal Finance	3	FIN 101	Personal Finance	3
COMS 120	Interpersonal Communication	3	COMS 144	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMS 121	Public Speaking	3	COMS 130	Public Speaking	
ECON 230	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	ECON 144	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 231	Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECON 142	Principles of Microeconomics	3
HPER 250	Introduction to Sports Management	3	HSES 289	Intro to Sport Management	3
JOUR 120	Mass Media and Society	3	JMC 101	Media and Society	3

Creative Arts and Design Exploratory Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title		Hours		
ARCH 120	Introduction to Architecture	3	ARCH 103	Introduction to Architecture and Interior Architecture	

ART 130	Drawing I	3	ART 101	Drawing I	3
ART 142	Ceramics I	3	ART 131	Fundamentals of Ceramics	
ART 145	Sculpture I	3	ART 122	Fundamentals of Sculpture	3
ART 148	Metal and Silversmithing I	3	ART 132	Fund of Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	3
ART 199	Fine Arts Symposium	1	ADS 320	KU Design Professional Lecture Series	
ARTH 180	Art History: Ancient to Medieval	3	HA 150	Hist Western Art: Ancient-Medi	3
ARTH 182	Art History: Renaissance to Modern	3	HA 151	Hist Western Art: Ren-Contemp	3
ARTH 186	Art History: Introduction to Asian Art	3	HA 166	The Visual Arts of East Asia	3

Select one of the following:

FMS 100	Intro to Film	3	FMS 100 & FMS 101	Intro to Film and Media and "Intro to Film Media, Honors"	3
---------	---------------	---	-------------------	---	---

OR

FMS 100	Intro to Film	3	PHOT 101	Fundamentals of Photography	
FMS 200	Intro to Filmmaking and Media Aesthetics	3	FMS 200	Film and Media Studies	3
MUS 121	Introduction to Music Listening	3	MUSC 136	Understanding Music	3
MUS 128	History of Rock and Roll Music	3	MUSC 309	History of Rock and Roll	3
MUS 221	Piano Class I	2	PIAN 111	Elem Keyboard Musicianship	2
THEA 120	Introduction to Theater	3	THR 100	Introduction to the Theatre	3

Select one of the following:

THEA 121	Fundamentals of Acting	3	THR 106	Acting I	3
----------	------------------------	---	---------	----------	---

OR

THEA 130	Acting I *	3	THR 106	Acting I	3
THEA 145	Introduction to Theater Design	3	THR 215	Approaching Design	3

Education & Public Service Exploratory Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title		Hours		
ARCH 220	Sustainability in the Built Environment	3	UBPL 200	Sustainability and Society	3
CJ 121	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3	CRIM 300	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
EDUC 121	Introduction to Teaching	3	CT 100	Intro to Education Profession	3
EDUC 221	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for K-12 Educators	3	CT 235	Cultural DEI K-12 Schools	3
HIST 140	U.S. History to 1877	3	HIST 128	Hist of US Through Civil War	3
HIST 141	U.S. History Since 1877	3	HIST 129	Hist of the US After Civil War	3



HPER 255	Introduction to Physical Education	3	HSES 244	Introduction to Physical Educa	3
JOUR 120	Mass Media and Society	3	JMC 101	Media and Society	3
POLS 124	American National Government	3	POLS 110	Introduction to US Politics	3
POLS 132	Introduction to Comparative Government	3	POLS 150	Intro to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 135	International Relations	3	POLS 170	Intro International Politics	3
POLS 220	Introduction to Public Policy	3	POLS 320	Developing World	3
PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 104	General Psychology	3
SOC 122	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 104	Elements of Sociology	3
SOC 146	Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	3	SW 220	"Social Wrk, Soc Welfare, US"	3
WGS 201	Global Women's Studies	3	WGSS 101	"Intro Women, Gender, Sexuality"	3

Health & Behavioral Sciences Exploratory Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title	Hours			
ANTH 160	Medical Anthropology	3	GIST 210	Culture and Health	3
BIOL 121	Introductory Biology for Non-Majors	4	BIOL 100	Principles of Biology	3
BIOL 132	Introduction to Public Health	3	HSCI 340	Introduction to Public Health	3
BIOL 135	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4	BIOL 150	Molecular Cellular Biology	

Select one of the following:

BIOL 235	The Science of Human Nutrition *	3	HSES 330	Princ of Nutrition Health	3
OR					
DIET 151	Nutrition and Meal Planning	3	HSES 330	Princ of Nutrition Health	3
CHEM 124 & CHEM 125	General Chemistry I Lecture * and General Chemistry I Lab *	5	CHEM 130	General Chemistry I	5
HC 130	Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professions	3	HEIM 230	Medical Terminology	3
HPER 215	Introduction to Exercise Science	3	HSES 269	Intro to Exercise Science	3
HPER 255	Introduction to Physical Education	3	HSES 244	Introduction to Physical Educa	3
PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 104	General Psychology	3
SOC 122	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 104	Elements of Sociology	3
SOC 125	Social Problems	3	SOC 160	Social Problems Amer Values	3
SOC 131	Sociology of Families	3	SOC 220	Sociology of Families	

WGS 201	Global Women's Studies 3	WGSS 101	"Intro Women, Gender, Sexuality" 3
---------	--------------------------	----------	------------------------------------

Languages & Cultures Exploratory Courses

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

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Exploratory Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
ARCH 220	Sustainability in the Built Environment	3	UBPL 200	Sustainability and Society	3
Select one of the following:					
ASTR 120	Fundamentals of Astronomy	3	ASTR 191	Contemporary Astronomy	3
OR					

ASTR 122	Astronomy	4	ASTR 191	Contemporary Astronomy	3
BIOL 135	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4	BIOL 150 Principles of Molecular and Cellular Biology AND BIOL 154 Intro to Biology Lab for STEM Majors		
CHEM 124 & CHEM 125	General Chemistry I Lecture * and General Chemistry I Lab *	5	CHEM 130	General Chemistry I	5
CS 134	Programming Fundamentals	4	EECS 168	Programming I	4
EVRN 130	Environmental Science	3	EVRN 140	Global Environment I	3-5
GEOS 130	General Geology	5	GEOL 101	The Way The Earth Works	3
GEOS 140	Physical Geography	3	GEOG 104	Intro to Physical Geography	3
GEOS 160	Introduction to Meteorology	5	ATMO 105	Introductory Meteorology	5
HC 130	Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professions	3	HEIM 230 Medical Terminology		
PHYS 130	College Physics I *	5	PHSX 114	College Physics I	4

Math (3-5 hours): Consult with your KU advisor. Visit the KU Core 34 General Education guide (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-general-education/>) OR KU CredTran (https://registrar.ku.edu/credittransfer?location=Kansas&entries=50&page=1&filter=&sort=Course_To_Transfer&asc=1&school=H0002325) for JCCC equivalents.

Last Approved 5/28/2026, 11:04:25 AM