

BGS in Film & Media Studies in Production

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BGS in Film and Media Studies, Production concentration. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill Core 34, please visit the KU Core 34 page (<https://catalog.ku.edu/core34/>).

Freshman

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
FMS 100 or 101 (Major Requirement)	3 FMS 200 (Major Requirement/Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ^{060**}	3
UNIV 101	2 Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3
Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3 Core 34: Math and Statistics (SGE) ⁰³⁰	3
Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3
14		15

Sophomore

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
FMS 275 (Major Requirement)	4 FMS 310, 311, 312, or 313 (FMS History- 1 of 1)	3
FMS 340 (Major Requirement)	3 FMS Production- 1 of 3 ²	3
Core 34: Communications (SGE) ⁰²⁰	3 Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE) ^{040,8}	4-5
Core 34: US Culture (SGE) ^{070,4}	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3
16		16-17

Junior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
FMS Production- 2 of 3 ²	3 FMS Production- 3 of 3 ²	3
FMS Culture and Studies- 1 of 2 ¹	3 FMS Culture and Studies- 2 of 2 ¹	3
Core 34: Global Culture (SGE) ^{070,5}	3 Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ^{060,6}	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3 Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3
15		15

Senior Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
FMS 485 (Capstone- Major Requirement)	4 FMS Elective (2 of 2) ⁷	3
FMS Elective (1 of 2) ⁷	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	1 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3
14		15

Total Hours 120-121

- For courses that satisfy the FMS Culture and Studies requirement, please see the degree requirements tab.
- For courses that satisfy the FMS Production requirement, please see the degree requirements tab.
- Hour requirements for the degree (including 45 Jr/Sr hours) are typically met through Core 34, degree, major, second area of study and/or elective hours. Students completing the BGS with a major must choose a secondary area of study. Individual degree mapping is best done in partnership with your advisor.
- FMS 314 can fulfill the KU Core 34: US Culture requirement.
- FMS 315 or FMS 316 can fulfill the KU Core 34: Global Culture requirement.
- FMS 200 or FMS 380 can fulfill the KU Core 34: Arts and Humanities requirement.
- FMS Elective courses can be any Film (FMS-coded) Production or Culture and Studies course that is 300-level or above.
- Some KU Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences courses may require enrollment in 5 credit-hours for the semester.

Please note:

The Bachelor of General Studies degree requires completion of the requirements of a single BGS major AND a secondary field of academic study (a second major, two certificates, or minor). This sample plan is based on the completion of a minor. If a second major is selected instead, non-FMS-major elective hours on plan will be used for any additional second major requirements as needed.

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are still required to complete 120 total hours for their undergraduate degree, of which 45 hours must be at the Jr/Sr (300+) level.

*Courses with an * designate courses that are degree requirements but can also be taken to fulfill a KU Core 34 requirement. If another course is used to fulfill the Core 34 requirement, the course listed is still required as a degree requirement.

The Department of Film and Media Studies STRONGLY recommends that students enroll in no more than two production classes a semester.

Screenwriting Sequence: FMS 273 Basic Screenwriting is offered in the Fall and FMS 373 Intermediate Screenwriting in the Spring. FMS 273 is the prerequisite for FMS 373.

Notes:

* - This course is a Required major course and is also part of Core 34: Systemwide General Education. If this course is not taken to fulfill the Core 34:SGE requirement, it must be taken in place of elective hours.

** - This course is a Recommended Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This specific course is not required but is recommended by the program's faculty.

*** - This course is a Required Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This program is approved by the Kansas Board of Regents to require this specific Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. If a student did not take this course it must be taken in addition to other degree requirements.