

BGS in African & African-American Studies

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BGS in African and African-American Studies. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill Core 34 Goals, please visit the KU Core 34 page (<https://catalog.ku.edu/core34/>). (<https://kucore.ku.edu/ku-core-34-0/>)

Freshman

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3	Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3
Core 34: Social and Behavioral Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3	Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁴⁰	4-5
Core 34: Communications (SGE) ⁰²⁰	3	Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3
Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3	AAAS 100+ Introductory Course - 2 of 2 ³	3
AAAS 100+ Introductory Course - 1 of 2 ³	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	2
15		15-16	

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core 34: Social and Behavioral Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3	Core 34: US Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3
AAAS 300+ Advanced Core Knowledge and Skills (Historical Context)	3	AAAS 300+ Advanced Core Knowledge and Skills (Contemporary Context)	3
AAAS Elective 300+ (1 of 5) ¹	3	AAAS Elective 300+ (2 of 5) ¹	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
15		15	

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core 34: Math and Statistics (SGE) ⁰³⁰	3	Core 34: Global Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3
AAAS Elective 300+ (3 of 5) ¹	3	AAAS Elective 300+ (4 of 5) ¹	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3
15		15	

Senior	Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
AAAS 690 or 496 (Capstone Requirement)	3	AAAS 550 (Capstone Requirement; SPRING ONLY)	3	3
AAAS Elective 300+ (5 of 5) ¹	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	3
15		15		

Total Hours 120-121

- Refer to the Degree Requirements tab for a list of courses that can fulfill this major requirement.
- Hour requirements (incl. 45 jr/sr hrs) 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 done in partnership with your advisor.
- Students must select from one of two areas.
- BGS students in AAAS are not required to study an African or African Diasporic language, but they can.

Please note:

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

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

Many of the AAAS introductory options fulfill Core 34 Goals:

Arabic & Islamic Studies:

AAAS 102 (Bucket #5 Social & Behavioral Sciences)

African Studies:

AAAS 103 (Bucket #5 Social & Behavioral Sciences)

AAAS 105 (Bucket #7 Institutional Designated – Global)

AAAS 160 (Bucket #7 Institutional Designated – Global)

African-American Studies:

AAAS 104 (Bucket #7 Institutional Designated – US)

AAAS 106 (Bucket #7 Institutional Designated – US)

A number of other AAAS courses also fulfill Core 34 Goals, including: AAAS 203, AAAS 204, AAAS 303, AAAS 305, AAAS 316, AAAS 320, AAAS 349, AAAS 356, AAAS 333, AAAS 370, & AAAS 372.

* - 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.