

BA in American Studies

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

Freshman

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3 Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5 Core 34: Math and Statistics (SGE) ⁰³⁰	3
Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3 2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
AMS 100 or 110 (Core 34: U.S. Culture (SGE)) ^{070**}	3 Core 34: Communications (SGE) ⁰²⁰	3
	14	14

Sophomore

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3 4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language, unless req for mjr (BA Second Language) ¹	3
AMS 332 (Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE)) ^{050**}	3 Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁴⁰	4-5
AMS Elective 200+	3 BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1
Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3 Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3 AMS Elective 300+ (1 of 3)	3
	15	14-15

Junior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
AMS 360 (TYPICALLY FALL ONLY)	3 AMS 496	3
AMS Elective 300+ (2 of 3)	3 AMS Elective 300+ (3 of 3)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3 Core 34: Global Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	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
AMS 694 or 696	3 AMS 550, 551, 552, or 553 (Capstone Requirement)	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
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Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours	3	
	18	15

Total Hours 120-121

¹ For students completing the language requirement via the 3+1 language option, note that many first semester languages are 5 credit hours.

² Hour requirements (including 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

Please note:

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.

*Courses with a * designate courses that are degree requirements but can also be taken to fulfill the 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.

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.