

BGS in English with concentration in Creative Writing

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

Freshman

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Core 34: Communications (SGE) ⁰²⁰	3 Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3
Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3 Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3
Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3 Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁴⁰	4-5
Core 34: Math and Statistics (SGE) ⁰³⁰	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	2
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Sophomore

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ENGL 203, 209, 210, or 220 (Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE)) ^{060**}	3 ENGL 300 ²	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3 Core 34: US Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3
15		15

Junior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ENGL 300+ from Rhetoric, Language, or Writing Area (Recommended: Creative Writing, Genre 1)	3 ENGL 300+ Elective (Creative Writing Genre 2) ⁴	3
ENGL 300+ from Literature, Language, or Rhetoric before 1850	3 ENGL 300+ from Cultural Engagement Area ⁴	3
Core 34: Global Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3 Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3

Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3

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Senior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ENGL 551, 552, or 555 (Capstone)	3 ENGL 551, 552, or 555 (Capstone)	3
ENGL 300+ Elective ⁴	3 ENGL 300+ Elective ⁴	3
BGS Career Prep Course (BGS Requirement) ⁶	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ^{1,3}	3
15		15

Total Hours 120-121

- ¹ 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.
- ² Before beginning 300+ level English courses students are encouraged to take a 200-level English course. One 200-level course may be counted toward English studies coursework.
- ³ Please note that the Bachelor of General Studies degree requires completion 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.
- ⁴ Creative writing students must complete workshops in at least two genres. For the purposes of the Creative Writing Tracks, the four major genres are: Fiction; Poetry; Playwriting, Screenwriting, and/or Scriptwriting; and Creative Non-Fiction.
- ⁵ Capstone Requirements (6 hours, 500 or above): Students must complete ENGL 300 and 2 other 300-level courses before they proceed to the capstone requirements. Two ENGL courses must be taken at the 500+ level, and for the Creative Writing concentration, at least one of the 500+ courses must be a creative writing course. All 500-level or above English courses are capstone courses. Students pursuing departmental honors may use ENGL 598 to fill one capstone requirement, and must also enroll in ENGL 599 Honors Essay.
- ⁶ ENGL 362, ENGL 496, and ENGL 497 fulfill BGS Career Course requirement.

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.

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.