Office of Academic Success

Academic Success supports the intellectual engagement and pursuit of learning by KU students throughout their academic career, from orientation to graduation and beyond. Courses offered teach students to navigate the university, explore intellectual interests, maximize experiential learning opportunities, and prepare students for a meaningful career after graduation.

- Undergraduate Certificate in Arts Engagement (http://catalog.ku.edu/academic-success/arts-engagement-ugcert/)
- Undergraduate Certificate in Service Learning (http://catalog.ku.edu/academic-success/service-learning-ugcert/)

Courses

UNIV 1. Math Skill Development I. 2 Credits.
Offered to provide opportunities for deeper understanding of MATH 2 content through interactive learning. The course will support students preparing to take Kansas Algebra (KAP) course (Math 2). The content of the course uses the MATH 2 foundations and emphasizes helping students generate a mathematical mindset, understanding how learning occurs in mathematics, and strategies to be successful in future mathematics coursework. Students will engage in discussions surrounding their roles in mathematical learning and practice using mathematical thinking strategies to improve understanding. Prerequisite: Open only to students withdrawing from MATH 2 during the semester.

UNIV 101. Orientation Seminar. 1-2 Credits.
This course will provide an introduction to the University community and the value and role of higher education in our society, strategies for successful transition to and participation in that community, exploration of the University commitment to diversity and multiculturalism, and information about University resources and procedures. Prerequisite: Eligible students must have fewer than thirty credit hours from the University of Kansas.

UNIV 120. Introduction to Engaged Learning. 2 Credits.
Explore your interests through hands-on mini experiences in service learning, study abroad, undergraduate research, and internships. With individualized support from your instructor in this small course, you’ll test out various experiences both on and off campus, connect to relevant KU departments, and prepare materials needed to apply to these experiences after completing the course.

UNIV 299. Service Learning Project. 0-1 Credits.
Service Learning Project. Graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

UNIV 492. Special Projects in the Community. 2 Credits.
UNIV 492 begins with the premise that community service is a valuable response to the social problems that we face in today’s society and that understanding of self, knowledge of social issues, and commitment to service are essential for effective engagement in communities. Students will be introduced to existing responses to social problems and will work to formulate their own individual and collective responses. Course is offered in partnership with KU Alternative Breaks. Alternative Breaks works to motivate college students to become active and present members of their own communities, to recognize the different needs of local, national, rural and urban communities, and to engender an understanding of how to be involved in the betterment of society.

UNIV 602. Sponsored Educational Experiences. 0 Credits.
Goal 6 can be met through an approved experience designed by student and faculty member. Students with a faculty sponsor may propose a unique experience to fulfill Goal 6. Experiences must meet the following set of principles that define a sponsored educational experience. 1) Intention, Preparedness and Planning; 2) Reflection; 3) Monitor Progress; 4) Assessment and Evaluation. In addition, each educational experience considered for the KU Core should have a specific number of contact hours equal to at least 3 credit hours or 120 hours in and out of the classroom over the semester; and an outcome should include a product representative of the student's effort. Graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.