

BA in Film & Media Studies with concentration in Culture and Studies

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Film and Media Studies with a Culture and Studies concentration. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill KU Core Goals, please visit the KU Core website (<http://kucore.ku.edu/courses/>).

Freshman

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
FMS 100 (Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking, Major Requirement)	3	FMS 200 (Goal 3 Arts and Humanities, Major Requirement)	3
ENGL 101 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing I) ¹	3	FMS 380 (Major Requirement)	3
Goal 3 Social Science	3	ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing II) ¹	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
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	16		14

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
FMS Elective (1 of 2)	3	FMS 301 (online)	1
FMS 273, 275, or 374 (FMS Production)	3	FMS 310, 311, 312, 313, or 314 (FMS History)	3
Goal 1.2 Quantitative Literacy	3	FMS 315, 316, 318, 350, or 620 (FMS Culture and Studies)	3
Goal 2.2 Communication	3	Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3	4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language, unless req for mjr (BA Second Language) ⁵	3
		Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
	15		16

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
FMS Elective (2 of 2)	3	FMS 310, 311, 312, 313, or 314 (FMS History II)	3
FMS 345, 355, or 474 (FMS Media)	3	FMS 530	3
BA Quantitative Reasoning (BAQR) ²	3	Goal 4.2 Global Awareness	3
Goal 3 Natural Science	3	Goal 5 Social Responsibility and Ethics ⁶	3

BA Laboratory/Field Experience	1	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
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	16		15

Senior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
FMS 592 or 593 ³	3	FMS 585 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
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Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	1
	15		13

Total Hours 120

- The BA requires completion of two courses of collegiate-level writing instruction. Students who test out of Composition will still need to complete ENGL 102 (or equivalent) and one additional Goal 2.1 course.
- Visit this website (<https://collegeadvising.ku.edu/ba-quantitative-reasoning-courses/>) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement.
- FMS 593 Experimental Film and Video is offered FALL ONLY. FMS 592 Documentary Film and Video is offered SPRING ONLY.
- Hour requirements (incl. 45 jr/sr hrs) are typically met through KU core, 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.
- For students completing the language requirement via the 3+1 language option, note that many first semester languages are 5 credit hours.
- FMS 425 Ethics in Storytelling satisfies KU Core Goal 5

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.

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one KU Core Goal. However, overlap of a KU Core course with a major or degree-specific requirement is allowed. Overlapping is recommended to allow more opportunities to explore other majors and/or minors.

- FMS Elective can be any Film (FMS-coded) course (Production or Culture and Studies)

- FMS 380, FMS 302, and FMS 303 are topics courses meaning they can be repeated for credit as long as the topic differs.
- FMS 273 Basic Screenwriting offered in the Fall only (satisfies Production requirement).
- FMS Options for KU Core Goal 4.1 and Goal 4.2. See FMS Advisor for more details.
- FMS 275 and FMS 585 are in the process of being upgraded to 4 credit hours.
- FMS 301 will be discontinued across FA22-SP23 Academic Year.