

BA in African and African-American Studies

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in African and African-American Studies. 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
ENGL 101 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing I) ¹	3	ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing II) ¹	3
Goal 1.2 Quantitative Literacy	3	BA Quantitative Reasoning (QR) ²	3
AAAS 100+ Introductory Course - 1 of 2 ⁶	3	AAAS 100+ Introductory Course 2 of 2 ⁶	3
Goal 3 Social Science	3	Goal 3 Arts & Humanities	3
First Year Seminar or Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
15		15	

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Goal 2.2	3	Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3
AAAS 300+ Advanced Core Knowledge and Skills (Historical Context)	3	AAAS 300+ Advanced Core Knowledge and Skills (Contemporary Context) ³	3
African Language 1st Semester (Major Requirement) ⁵	5	African Language 2nd semester (Major Requirement) ⁵	5
Goal 3 Natural Science	3	AAAS 100+ Elective (1 of 5)	3
BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
15		17	

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Goal 5 Social Responsibility and Ethics	3	AAAS Elective 300+ (3 of 5) ³	3
AAAS 300+ Elective (2 of 5) ³	3	AAAS Elective 300+ (4 of 5) ³	3
African Language 3rd semester (Major Requirement) ⁵	3	African Language 4th Semester (Major Requirement)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3	Goal 4.2 Global Awareness	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
15		15	

Senior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
AAAS 690 or 496 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity)	3	AAAS 550 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity SPRING ONLY)	3
AAAS Elective 300+ (5 of 5) ³	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁴	3
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.
- 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 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.
- African or African Diasporic languages include: Arabic, Haitian, Kiswahili, Somali, and Wolof - possibly others by availability and faculty approval. Total hours in language sequence may vary. Work with your advisor for specific degree mapping to meet all minimum hours requirements.
- Students must select from one of two areas.

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.

Many of the AAAS introductory options fulfill KU Core Goals:
 Arabic & Islamic Studies: AAAS 102 (3H, 3S, 4.2)
 African Studies: AAAS 103 (3S), AAAS 105/AAAS 115 (1.1, 3H), AAAS 160 (3H, 4.2)
 African-American Studies: AAAS 104 (4.1), AAAS 106/AAAS 116 (4.1)