

BGS in American Studies

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BGS in 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 (1 of 2))	3	ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication (2 of 2))	3
Goal 1.2 Quantitative Literacy	3	Goal 2.2 Communication	3
AMS 110 (Goal 3 Social Science) ³	3	AMS 100 (Goal 3 Arts and Humanities) ³	3
First Year Seminar or Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking	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	

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Goal 4.1 US Diversity ³	3	Goal 3 Natural Science	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	AMS 332 (Goal 4.2 Global Awareness, Major Requirement)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	AMS Emphasis Area Course (1 of 4) ⁴	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	

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
AMS 360 (Major Requirement TYPICALLY FALL ONLY)	3	Goal 5 Social Responsibility and Ethics	3
AMS Emphasis Area Course 300+ (2 of 4) ⁴	3	AMS Emphasis Area Course 300+ (3 of 4) ⁴	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ²	3	AMS Emphasis Area Course 300+ (4 of 4) ⁴	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	BGS Career Course (BGSC)	3
15		15	

Senior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
AMS Theory and Method Course (see advisor) (Major Requirement) ¹	3	AMS 550 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement, SPRING ONLY)	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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Total Hours 120

¹ See the Degree Requirements tab for a list of courses that fulfill this major requirement.

² 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.

³ These AMS courses can fulfill different KU Core Goals. Individual degree mapping is done in partnership with your advisor.

⁴ AMS majors complete one special emphasis, totaling 12 hours (4 classes) within the major. Three of four courses must be 300+. Majors select from options in the catalog and work with a faculty advisor to develop their emphasis and select classes. Emphasis allows deeper study of a student's area of interest before taking senior seminar (AMS 550) in their final spring term.

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.