

# BA in American Studies

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA 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/BA Writing I) <sup>1</sup>	3	ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing II) <sup>1</sup>	3
Goal 1.2 Quantitative Literacy	3	BA Quantitative Reasoning (BAQR) <sup>2</sup>	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
First Year Seminar or Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking	3	Goal 2.2 Communication	3
AMS 110 (Goal 3 Social Science) <sup>4</sup>	3	AMS 100 (Goal 3 Arts and Humanities) <sup>4</sup>	3
	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>

## Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3	4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language, unless req for mjr (BA Second Language) <sup>7</sup>	3
Goal 4.1 US Diversity <sup>4</sup>	3	Goal 3 Natural Science	3
AMS 332 (Goal 4.2 Global Awareness)	3	BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3	Goal 5 Social Responsibility and Ethics	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3	AMS Emphasis Area Course (1 of 4) <sup>6</sup>	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>13</b>

## Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
AMS 360 (TYPICALLY FALL ONLY)	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3
AMS Emphasis Area Course 300+ (2 of 4) <sup>6</sup>	3	AMS Emphasis Area Course 300+ (3 of 4) <sup>6</sup>	3
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	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>

## Senior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
AMS Theory and Method Course (see advisor) (Major Requirement) <sup>3</sup>	3	AMS 550 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement, SPRING ONLY)	3
AMS Emphasis Area Course 300+ (4 of 4) <sup>6</sup>	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3
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## 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.
- See the Degree Requirements tab for a list of courses that fulfill this major requirement.
- These AMS courses can fulfill different KU Core Goals. Individual degree mapping is done in partnership with your advisor.
- 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.
- 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.
- For students completing the language requirement via the 3+1 language option, note that many first semester languages are 5 credit hours.

## 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.