

BA in Applied Behavioral Science with concentration in Basic Research

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Applied Behavioral Science with a concentration in Basic Research. 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	PSYC 210 (Major Requirement, BA Quantitative Reasoning (BAQR))	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
PSYC 104 (Major Pre-Requisite)	3	ABSC 100 (Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking, Major Requirement)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	Goal 2.2 Communication	3
17		17	

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) ⁶	3
ABSC 304 (Major Requirement - Core 1 of 3)	3	Goal 3 Natural Science	3
Goal 3 Arts and Humanities	1	BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	ABSC 308 (Major Requirement - Core 2 of 3)	4
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	ABSC Specialty Area Elective (Major Requirement - 300+, 1 of 4) ³	3
12		14	

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3	Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics	3
ABSC 509 (Major Requirement - Core 3 of 3, Goal 6)	3	ABSC Specialty Area Elective (Major Requirement - 300+, 3 of 4) ³	3

ABSC Specialty Area Elective (Major Requirement - 300+, 2 of 4) ³	3	ABSC Specialty Area Elective (Major Requirement - 300+ 4 of 4) ³	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
15		15	

Senior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ABSC 692 (Major Requirement - Practicum 1 of 2) ⁴	3	ABSC 692 (Major Requirement - Practicum 2 of 2) ⁴	3
Goal 4.2 Global Awareness	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	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.
- Satisfied by completing any junior/senior-level ABSC courses, except those already required as introductory and core knowledge courses (ABSC 304 (<http://catalog.ku.edu/search/?P=ABSC%20304>), ABSC 308 (<http://catalog.ku.edu/search/?P=ABSC%20308>), ABSC 509 (<http://catalog.ku.edu/search/?P=ABSC%20509>)). Additionally, practicum courses (ABSC 675 (<http://catalog.ku.edu/search/?P=ABSC%20675>)-ABSC 699 (<http://catalog.ku.edu/search/?P=ABSC%20699>)) do not count toward specialty area elective hours. Please see a specialty area advisor for recommendations.
- Two semesters of practicum (ABSC 692 (<http://catalog.ku.edu/search/?P=ABSC%20692>)) are required. Practicum courses are offered for 3-6 credit hours during the fall and spring semesters, and 3 hours during the summer session. However, no more than 6 hours total apply to the major. The prerequisite is the permission of the supervisor, as space permits.
- 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.

⁶ 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.