

BA in Applied Behavioral Science with concentration in Child Life Specialty

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Applied Behavioral Science with a concentration in Child Life Specialty. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill Core 34 Goals, please visit the KU Core 34 page (<https://catalog.ku.edu/core34/>).

Freshman

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core 34: Math and Statistics (SGE) ⁰³⁰	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours	3
Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3	Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
ABSC 100 or 101 (Major Requirement; Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE)) ^{050**}	3	ABSC 160 (Concentration Requirement)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	Core 34: Communications (SGE) ⁰²⁰	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) ¹	3
Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3	Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁴⁰	4-5
Core 34: US Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3	BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1
ABSC 304 (Major Requirement)	3	ABSC 308 (Major Requirement)	4
Core 34: Social and Behavioral Science (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3	ABSC 309 (Concentration Requirement)	3
15		15-16	

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core 34: Global Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3	Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3
ABSC 529 (Concentration Requirement)	3	ABSC 509 (Major Requirement; Capstone Course)	3
ABSC Concentration Elective ³	3	ABSC 626 (Concentration Requirement)	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 683 (Practicum Requirement; Capstone Course) ⁴	3	ABSC 675 (Practicum Requirement; Capstone Course) ⁴	3-4
ABSC Concentration Elective 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	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	2		
14		12-13	

Total Hours 120-122

- ¹ For students completing the language requirement via the 3+1 language option, note that many first semester languages are 5 credit hours
- ² Visit this page (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/#ba-quantitative-reasoning>) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement
- ³ 6 hours of ABSC Concentration Area elective courses are required. Visit the degree requirements (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/applied-behavioral-science/ba-bgs/#requirements>) tab for a list of approved courses.
- ⁴ 6 hours of practicum are required, taken across two semesters. These hours must include three hours (minimum) of ABSC 683; the remaining three hours may include ABSC 683, ABSC 675, and ABSC 677.
- ⁵ Hour requirements (incl. 45 jr/sr hrs) are typically met through Core 34, 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.

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.

Students who wish to sit for the Child Life Specialty Certification Exam administered by the Association for Child Life Professionals (ACLP) are encouraged to consult the ACLP's eligibility requirements (<https://www.childlife.org/certification/becoming-certified/requirements-after-2019/>) webpage, and plan their electives to meet these requirements. Students may elect to take other courses (instead of those required by ACLP) to complete the concentration/major. However, doing so may render the student ineligible to sit for the Certification Exam.

In addition, the ACLP requires a 600-hour internship supervised by a Certified Child Life Specialist. The student must arrange for this internship outside of the degree requirements.

Notes:

* - This course is a Required major course and is also part of Core 34: Systemwide General Education. If this course is not taken to fulfill the Core 34:SGE requirement, it must be taken in place of elective hours.

** - This course is a Recommended Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This specific course is not required but is recommended by the program's faculty.

*** - This course is a Required Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This program is approved by the Kansas Board of Regents to require this specific Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. If a student did not take this course it must be taken in addition to other degree requirements.