

BA in Applied Behavioral Science with concentration in Child Life

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 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 (BAQR) ²	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
ABSC 100 or 101 (Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking, Major Requirement)	3	ABSC 160 (Goal 3 Social Science)	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
Goal 3 Arts and Humanities	3	Goal 3 Natural Science	3
Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3	BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1
ABSC 304 (Major Requirement - Core 1 of 3)	3	ABSC 308 (Major Requirement - Core 2 of 3)	4
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	ABSC 309	3
15		14	

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Goal 4.2 Global Awareness	3	Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics	3
ABSC 529	3	ABSC 509 (Major Requirement - Core 3 of 3, Goal 6)	3
ABSC Specialty Area Elective (Major Requirement 300+, 2 of 4) ³	3	ABSC 626	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 (Major Requirement - Practicum 1 of 2) ⁴	3	ABSC 675 (Major Requirement - Practicum 2 of 2) ⁴	3-4
ABSC Specialty Area Elective (Major Requirement - 300+, 4 of 4) ³	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
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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	3	3
15		12-13	

Total Hours 120-121

- ¹ 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.
- ² Visit this website (<https://collegeadvising.ku.edu/ba-quantitative-reasoning-courses/>) 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/#requirementstext>) 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 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.

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.