

BA in English

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in English. 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
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3	Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3
Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3	Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3
Core 34: Math and Statistics (SGE) ⁰³⁰	3	Core 34: Communications (SGE) ⁰²⁰	3
		Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	1
14		15	

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 203, 209, 210, or 220 (Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE)) ^{060**}	3	ENGL 300	3
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3	4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language (BA Second Language)	3
Core 34: US Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3	Core 34: Global Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	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	

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 300+ from Rhetoric, Language, or Writing Studies	3	ENGL 300+ from Cultural Engagement Area	3
ENGL 300+ from Literature, Language, or Rhetoric before 1850	3	ENGL 300+ Elective ³	3
BA Quantitative Reasoning ¹	3	Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁴⁰	4-5
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1

	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
15		17-18
Senior		
Fall	Hours	Spring
ENGL 500+ (Capstone Course) ^{3,4}	3	ENGL 500+ (Capstone Course) ^{3,4}
ENGL 300+ Elective ³	3	ENGL 300+ Elective ³
LA&S 490 (Total Hours, recommended)	3	LA&S 492 (Job Search Strategies, or elective)
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵
	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	1
15		14

Total Hours 120-121

- 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.
- Before beginning 300+ level English courses, students are encouraged to take a 200-level English course. One 200-level course may be counted toward English Studies coursework.
- Students may pursue a concentration in a particular subfield by taking at least 3 courses in it (including a capstone). These concentrations include:
 - Creative Writing: two 300-level workshops (each in a different genre), and one creative writing capstone
 - Language, Culture, and Rhetoric: ENGL 380 or ENGL 387, another LCR course, and one LCR capstone
- Capstone Requirements (6 hours, 500 or above): Students must complete ENGL 300 and 2 other 300-level courses before they proceed to the capstone requirements. All 500-level or above English courses count as Capstone courses. Students pursuing departmental honors may use ENGL 598 to fill one capstone requirement, and must also enroll in ENGL 599 Honors Essay.
- 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.

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.