

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 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 3 Social Science	3	Goal 1.2 Quantitative Reasoning ²	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
First Year Seminar (Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking)	3	Goal 2.2 Communication	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁶	1	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁶	1
15		15	

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3	4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language (BA Second Language)	3
Goal 4.1 Human Diversity	3	Goal 4.2 Global Awareness	3
ENGL 200+ (Major Requirement, Goal 3 Arts & Humanities) ³	3	ENGL 300 (Major Requirement)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁶	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁶	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁶	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁶	3
15		15	

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 300+ from Rhetoric, Language, or Writing studies (Major Requirement)	3	Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics	3
ENGL 300+ elective (Major Requirement) ⁴	3	ENGL 300+ from Diverse Identities, Communities, & Texts (Major Requirement)	3
BA Quantitative Reasoning ²	3	ENGL 300+ elective (Major Requirement) ⁴	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁶	3	Goal 3 Natural Science	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁶	1-2	BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1-2

	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior- Senior Hours ⁶	3
15		16-17
Senior		
Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ENGL 500+ required capstone (Major Requirement) ⁵	3 ENGL 500+ required capstone (Major Requirement, Goal 6 Integration & Creativity) ^{4,5}	3
ENGL 300+ from Literature, Language, or Rhetoric bef. 1850 (Major Requirement)	3 ENGL 300+ elective (Major Requirement) ⁴	3
LA&S 490 (Total Hours, recommended)	3 LA&S 492 (Job Search Strategies, or elective)	1
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior- Senior Hours ⁶	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior- Senior Hours ⁶	3
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	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior- Senior Hours ⁶	1
15		14

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 Before beginning 300+ level English courses it is recommended that students take a 200-level English course. One 200-level course may be counted toward English Studies coursework. ENGL 203, ENGL 205, ENGL 209 and ENGL 210 fulfill KU Core Goal 3 Arts & Humanities.

⁴ Students may pursue an emphasis in a particular field by taking at least 3 courses in it (including a capstone). These emphases include:

- Literary Studies: one literary history course, one theory course, and one literary studies capstone
- Creative Writing: 300-level workshops in two genres, and one creative writing capstone
- Language, Culture, and Rhetoric: ENGL 380 or ENGL 387, another RCL course, and one RCL capstone
- Students may also designate their own 'custom' emphasis, in consultation with a departmental advisor.

⁵ 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: Thesis hours.

⁶ 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.

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.