

BA in History

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in History. 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 (QR) ²	3
First Year Seminar (Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking)	3	Goal 3 Humanities	3
Goal 3 Social Science	3	Goal 2.2 Communication	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
	17		17

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
HIST 301 (Major Requirement) ³	3	HIST Elective Level 100-300+ (1 of 10) ⁴	3
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3	4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language (BA Second Language) ⁶	3
Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3	Goal 3 Natural Science	3
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	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
	15		13

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
HIST Elective 100-300+ (2 of 10) ⁴	3	HIST Elective 100-300+ (4 of 10) ⁴	3
HIST Elective 300+ (3 of 10) ⁴	3	HIST Elective Level 500+ (5 of 10) ⁴	3
Goal 4.2 Global Awareness	3	Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics	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
HIST Elective 300+ (6 of 10) ⁴	3	HIST 696 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement)	3

HIST Elective 300+ (7 of 10) ⁴	3	HIST Elective 300+ (9 of 10) ⁴	3
HIST Elective Level 500+ (8 of 10) ⁴	3	HIST Elective 300+ (10 of 10) ⁴	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	1
	15		13

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.
- Must be a declared History major in order to enroll in HIST 301. See a departmental advisor to declare.
- Majors must complete a minimum of 30 hours (10 courses) by completing 12 hours (4 courses) from Category I, 12 hours (4 courses) from Category II, and 6 hours (2 courses) from either category I or II. Only 9 hours (3 courses) at the 100-200 level can apply toward the major and at least 6 hours (2 courses) must be taken at the 500-699 level.
- 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.
- 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.