Bachelor of Professional Studies

The Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) program is designed for undergraduate students with a strong interest in practical training in professional management career pathways. The BPS degree is a professional track baccalaureate completion degree for students transferring to KU with an associate degree or equivalent hours and who are looking to complete the last two years necessary for a bachelor's degree. The BPS program is unique because it draws upon coursework from multiple programs and disciplines.

The flexible curriculum of this degree program allows students to transfer in credit from a community college or other accredited institution and create a baccalaureate degree pathway to demonstrate their ability to succeed in courses with content relevant to their anticipated profession. Students in the BPS program choose a concentration that aligns with their professional goals in the areas of Applied Data Analytics, Health Policy and Management, or Project Management.

Concentration Option #1: Applied Data Analytics

The concentration in Applied Data Analytics is designed for undergraduate students with a strong interest in information technology to build entry-level practical and applied training in data analytics, operational analytics, research analysis, big data, and data management-related career pathways. The concentration provides students interested in information technology seeking to specialize in applied data and visual management systems and applications with program curriculum content relevant to technology applications of applied data science.

Concentration Option #2: Health Policy and Management

The Health Policy and Management concentration is ideal for students seeking to pursue careers in health management and policy in any of a variety of health care organizations and public settings, working in the legal, management, or policy making aspects of the health care sector. The concentration will provide the student with an understanding of the organizational, management, economic, and financial structures of health care organizations, as well as the legal, ethical, and governmental policies of the health care industry. Students will learn about the societal context of various healthcare delivery systems and the major issues and challenges affecting the healthcare industry.

Concentration Option #3: Project Management

The concentration in Project Management provides undergraduate students seeking to enter project management professions the opportunity to learn how theory and practice work together to solve real-world problems in a variety of fields. The flexibility built into the BPS degree allows students to pair the project management foundation provided through the Project Management concentration with additional areas of interest to tailor your education to your desired career path such as:

- Information technology management
- Construction management
- Healthcare management
- Advertising and marketing
- Public administration

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

Consult the Office of Admissions (https://admissions.ku.edu/) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (https://iss.ku.edu/) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (https://admissions.ku.edu/apply/credit-transfer/) website.

The **BPS in Professional Studies** has the following degree requirements in addition to the statewide general education requirements:

- 120 (minimum) total credit hours
- 45 (minimum) upper-division credit hours (these may include the following)
- 12 Professional Studies core credit hours
- 18 Concentration credit hours
- 3 Capstone credit hours

The following tables describe the specific courses to fulfill the above requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
Professional Studies Core		
PFS 301	Communication in the Workplace	3
PFS 302	Leadership in Practice	3
PFS 303	Professionalism and the Workplace	3
MATH 365	Elementary Statistics	3
Capstone		
PFS 599	Professional Studies Capstone	3
Open Elective Courses (credit hours vary)		
Students are encouraged to pursue 1 or 2 minors or courses related to a specific discipline of interest		
GPA requirements: Minimum 2.0 KU GPA in all Professional Studies core and concentration courses.		
Concentrations (18 credit hours)		

Applied Data Analytics

Applied Data Analytics Concentration Requirement: 18 credit hours

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
ITEC 302	Introduction to Programming	3
ITEC 314	Fundamentals of Applied Data Analytics	3
ITEC 316	Database Applications	3
ITEC 404	Fundamentals of Data Visualization	3
ITEC 406	Data Mining and Intelligence	3
ITEC 412	Predictive Analytics and Forecasting	3

Health Policy and Management

Health Policy and Management Concentration Requirement: 18 credit hours of the following:

Code	Title	Hours
HMGT 300	Introduction to Healthcare Management	3
HMGT 305	Health Policy and Healthcare Systems	3
HMGT 310	Health Communication	3
HMGT 320	Applied Healthcare Law and Ethics	3
HSCI 340	Introduction to Public Health	3
HSCI 421	Public Health Nutrition	3
HSCI 440	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
HSCI 441	Population Health	3
HSCI 445	Introduction to Environmental Health	3
HSCI 499	Topics in Health Sciences: _____	1-3

Project Management

Project Management Concentration Requirement: 18 Credit Hours

Code	Title	Hours
Required Course:		
PMGT 305	Foundations of Project Management	3
Students may choose 5 of the following courses:		
PMGT 310	Project Communications	3
PMGT 315	Project Scheduling and Control	3
PMGT 320	Introduction to Microsoft Project	3
PMGT 325	Effective Project Team Leadership	3
PMGT 330	Organizational Strategy and Project Initiation	3
PMGT 335	Project Stakeholder Engagement	3
PMGT 405	Organizational and Project Risk Management	3
PMGT 410	Managing Project Success	3
PMGT 415	Project Procurement and Supply Chain Management	3
PMGT 420	Emerging Trends in Project Management	3
PMGT 425	Global Project Management	3
PMGT 430	Managing Virtual Project Teams	3
PMGT 510	Advanced Agile Approaches to Project Management	3
PMGT 520	Advanced Microsoft Project	3

Degree Plan

Example Plan of Study: Please consult with an academic success coach for a personalized plan.

Junior and senior courses are offered face-to-face or online at the KU Edwards Campus.

Freshman

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core 34: English (SGE)[010]	3	Core 34: English (SGE)[010]	3
Core 34: Math and Statistics (SGE)[030]	3	Core 34: Communications (SGE)[020]	3
Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE)[040]	4	Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE)[060]	3
Elective/Minor Course	3	Elective/Minor Course	3
Elective/Minor Course	2	Elective/Minor Course	3
	15		**15**

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core 34: Social and Behavioral Sciences (SGE)[050]	3	Core 34: Global Culture (SGE)[070]	3
Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE)[060]	3	Core 34: Social and Behavioral Sciences (SGE)[050]	3
Core 34: US Culture (SGE)[070]	3	Elective/Minor Course	3
Elective/Minor Course	3	Elective/Minor Course	3
Elective/Minor Course	3	Elective/Minor Course	3
	15		**15**

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PFS 301	3	PFS 303	3
MATH 365	3	Concentration Course 3	3
Concentration Course 1	3	Elective/Minor Course	3
Concentration Course 2	3	Elective/Minor Course	3
Elective/Minor Course	3	Elective/Minor Course	3
	15		**15**

Senior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PFS 302	3	Concentration Course 6	3
Concentration Course 4	3	JR/SR Elective/Minor Course	3
Concentration Course 5	3	JR/SR Elective/Minor Course	3
JR/SR Elective/Minor Course	3	Elective/Minor Course	3
JR/SR Elective/Minor Course	3	PFS 599 (Capstone)	3
	15		**15**

Total Hours 120

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.