



New B.A. Requirements

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Agenda

- Review collaborative process to date
- Review the KU Core
- Clarify the choices that will be put before voting members of the College Assembly regarding a new set of requirements for B.A. degrees
- Time for comments and questions

Collaborative Process

- 2009-2010 Chancellor's Task Forces
- 2010-2011 Strategic Planning – *Bold Aspirations*
- 2011-2012 Transition Committee for developing the KU Core
- 2012-2013 University Core Curriculum Committee (elected)

CLAS Undergraduate Degrees

- The College awards approximately 2,050 undergraduate degrees each year:
 - B.A. degrees: 1,040
 - B.G.S. degrees: 705
 - B.S. degrees: 225
 - B.F.A. degrees: 70
 - B.A.E. degrees: 10
- College degrees require min. of 100 credit hours in the College

CUSA and the KU Core

- KU Core provides flexibility for students
- KU Core consists of 6 educational goals met by achieving learning outcomes
- KU Core includes 11 learning outcomes
 - Learning outcomes are achieved through courses and educational experiences
- CUSA recommends 3 additional learning outcomes for students pursuing the B.A. in the College

CURRENT B.A. REQUIREMENTS	KU CORE AS B.A. REQUIREMENTS	KU CORE WITH CUSA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR B.A. REQUIREMENTS	
<p>1. Distribution 45 hours</p> <p>2. Principal courses 27 hours</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Critical Thinking & Quantitative Literacy 2 units · Written & Oral Communication 2 units written + 1 unit oral · Background of Knowledge Across Fundamental Areas of Study 3 units · Cultural Understanding & Global Awareness 2 units · Social Responsibility & Ethical Behavior 1 unit · Integrate Knowledge & Think Creatively 1 unit 	<p>KU Core + CUSA recommendations >></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quantitative – An additional course beyond the KU Core Quantitative Literacy goal with a pre-requisite of MATH 101 or another course approved by CUSA. 2. Foreign Language – 4th semester proficiency or 3rd semester proficiency with one additional semester in another foreign language. 3. Laboratory – An approved laboratory experience or field camp.
<p>72 hours</p>	<p>36 hours*</p>	<p>Maximum 56 hours**</p>	

* Students will need 36 hours if all units are satisfied by 3-credit-hour classes. Some KU Core classes simultaneously satisfy major requirements. Students may elect approved learning experiences to satisfy some goals.

**Most students will need fewer than 56 hours because: transfer credit and advanced placement reduce hours; some foreign language classes also meet KU Core goals; and capstone courses in the major satisfy a KU Core goal.

Choices for the College B.A.

- **Option #1, recommended by CUSA and CAC:**
 1. KU Core
 2. College BA requirements:
 - quantitative
 - foreign language
 - a laboratory experience
 3. Major requirements
 4. About 34 hours open for electives

Choices for the College B.A.

- **Option #2**

1. KU Core
2. Major requirements
3. About 54 hours open for electives

Ballot Choices

- Vote “**Yes**” to implement the CUSA recommendations endorsed by CAC
 - ✓ *KU Core + quantitative, foreign language, and a laboratory experience*
- Vote “**No**” to have no College-specific B.A. requirements beyond the KU Core

Implementation

- Takes effect for students entering Fall 2013
 - ✓ *Currently enrolled first-year students can opt-in*
- Applies to the B.A. degree. In the future, CUSA will examine the B.S., the B.G.S., the B.F.A., and the B.A.E. degrees as they relate to the KU Core
- 100 credit hour requirement remains

Informational Links

- KU Core

<http://kucore.ku.edu>

- KU Core Curriculum Policy

<https://documents.ku.edu/policies/provost/KUCoreCurriculum.htm>

- KU Core Curriculum Committee

<https://documents.ku.edu/policies/provost/UCCC.htm>

Next Steps

- In consultation with CAC, Dean will finalize ballot to be put before voting members of the College Assembly in an electronic referendum
- The current B.A. based on principal courses and distribution requirements will phase out as students graduate
- The new B.A. requirements will be in effect for students beginning Fall 2013. Others will be eligible to opt-in

- Questions
- Comments

