

## Requirements: Bachelor of Arts Degree Only

3 Principal Courses in each of the following areas, one from each category:

**Humanities** – Historical Studies(HT), Literature and the Arts(HL), Philosophy and Religion(HR)

**Social Sciences** – Culture and Society(SC), Individual Behavior(SI), Public Affairs(SF)

**Natural and Mathematical Sciences** – Biological(NB), Earth (NE), Mathematical(NM), Physical(NP)

### Foreign Language Requirement:

Knowledge of a language other than English has long been integral to the traditional B.A. degree.

Students who wish to broaden their understanding of human complexities, communicate effectively in a global marketplace, or pursue most Ph.D. degrees are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with at least one foreign language. To complete the B.A. degree, students must demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language through the fourth-semester level.

### This may be done in any of the following ways:

1. Pass the proficiency examination in one foreign language.

2. Complete a fourth-semester-level course in one foreign language.

3. Complete any foreign language course that has a fourth-semester-level course as a prerequisite.

See [www.ur.ku.edu/Acadpub/ugradcat/clas](http://www.ur.ku.edu/Acadpub/ugradcat/clas) for specific language courses.

### Laboratory Science Requirement:

In fulfilling the laboratory science requirement, students become directly acquainted with the principles and practices of scientific investigation. They may repeat classical experiments to confirm established knowledge. They may prepare for ongoing research under faculty supervision. They may also discover the means to seek new knowledge on their own. One course in the natural sciences that includes a laboratory or a natural science lecture course with an associated laboratory that constitutes 4 to 5 hours of academic credit is required. The laboratory science

## Requirements: Bachelor of General Studies Degree Only

The Bachelor of General Studies degree may be earned with a major in many but not all of the subjects in which a B.A. degree also may be obtained. The primary distinctions between the B.G.S. degree and the B.A. degree are the foreign language requirement, which is part of the B.A. but not the B.G.S., and the minor or 2<sup>nd</sup> major, which is required for the B.G.S. but not the B.A.

2 Principal Courses in each of the following areas, one from each category:

**Humanities** – Historical Studies(HT), Literature and the Arts(HL), Philosophy and Religion(HR)

**Social Sciences** – Culture and Society(SC), Individual Behavior(SI), Public Affairs(SF)

**Natural and Mathematical Sciences** – Biological(NB), Earth (NE), Mathematical(NM), Physical(NP)

### Minor or 2<sup>nd</sup> Major

Students pursuing a B.G.S. degree must complete **an approved minor outside the major, or a second major** or degree.

Requirements for the minor vary, but all must be at least 18 hours including 12 hours at the junior/senior level (numbered 300 and above). Nine of the junior/senior-level courses must be taken in residence at KU. Students completing two or more majors or degrees are exempt from this requirement. Up to three hours of credit may be used to fulfill requirements for both the major and minor. Students may not be awarded a minor unless they have completed at least one course for the minor after the date the minor was approved by College Assembly. Successful completion of a minor requires a minimum KU grade-point average of 2.0 in all courses taken for the minor.