

KU Degree Progression Guide

Please note, these progression requirements are not comprehensive and meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Students should meet with their academic advisor upon arriving on campus for full details of progression requirements into their chosen degree. Please visit ku.edu/academics for a complete list of degree options.

| Major | Degree | Additional Step Toward Major Entry | Requirements for Graduation |
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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES (THE COLLEGE) | | | |
| African & African-American studies | B.A., B.G.S. | Students must obtain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in the IAP, AAP2 or AAP3 in order to progress into the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. | Minimum requirements include at least 100 major-related credit hours plus fulfillment of any additional KU Core requirements leading to a grand total of at least 120 total credit hours for graduation with a minimum GPA of 2.0. |
| American studies | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Anthropology | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Applied behavioral science | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Astronomy | B.A., B.S. | | |
| Atmospheric science | B.S. | | |
| Behavioral Neuroscience | B.S. | | |
| Biochemistry | B.A., B.S. | | |
| Biology | B.A., B.S. | | |
| Biotechnology | B.A.S. | | |
| Chemistry | B.A., B.S. | | |
| Classical antiquity | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Classical languages | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Communication studies | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Economics | B.A., B.S., B.G.S. | | |
| English | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Environmental studies | B.A., B.S., B.G.S. | | |
| European studies co-major | Co-Major | | |
| Geography | B.A., B.G.S., B.S. | | |
| Geology | B.A., B.S. | | |
| Global & international studies | B.A. | | |
| History | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| History of art | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Human biology | B.A. | | |
| Human sexuality | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Humanities | B.A. | | |
| Latin American & Caribbean studies | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Liberal arts & sciences | B.G.S. | | |
| Linguistics | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Literature, language & writing | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Mathematics | B.A., B.S. | | |
| Microbiology | B.A., B.S. | | |
| Molecular biosciences | B.S. | | |
| Philosophy | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Physics | B.A., B.S. | | |
| Political science | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Psychology | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Religious studies | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Russian, East European & Eurasian studies | B.A. | | |
| Sociology | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Speech-language-hearing; sciences & disorders | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| Women's Studies | B.A., B.G.S. | | |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES: SCHOOL OF THE ARTS | | | |
| Dance | B.A., B.F.A. | Requirements include an audition for entry into the Dance program. | Minimum of 120 credit hours and "sophomore review" at the end of sophomore year. |
| Film & media studies | B.A., B.G.S. | Requirements include foundational course requirements (FMS 100, FMS 200, FMS 380) and a minimum GPA of 2.5 in foundational courses and department orientation. | Minimum of 120 credit hours, including required subjects. |
| Theatre | B.A., B.G.S. | None | Minimum of 120 credit hours, including required subjects. |
| Theater & film | B.A., B.G.S. | None | Minimum of 120 credit hours, including required subjects. |
| Theatre design | B.F.A. | None | Minimum of 120 credit hours, including required subjects. |
| Visual art | B.A., B.F.A. | Requirements include submission of a portfolio and responses to three essay questions to the Department of Visual Art. | Minimum of 139 credit hours; requires additional hours in student teaching, internship and graduate credit for Kansas licensure. |
| Visual art education | B.A.E. | | |

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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES: SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURES & CULTURES | | | |
| East Asian languages & cultures* | B.A. | Students must obtain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in the IAP, AAP2 or AAP3 in order to progress into the College of Language Arts & Sciences. | Minimum requirements include at least 100 major-related credit hours plus fulfillment of any additional KU Core requirements leading to a grand total of at least 120 total credit hours for graduation with a minimum GPA of 2.0. |
| French* | B.A. | | |
| German studies | B.A. | | |
| Slavic languages & literatures* | B.A. | | |
| Spanish | B.A. | | |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES: SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| Public administration | B.A., B.G.S. | Requirements include associate's degree or equivalent hours. | Minimum of 124 credit hours including 45 hours at the junior/senior level, 27 major hours, at least 100 hours in Liberal Arts and completion of required KU Core courses. Proficiency in a foreign language or completion of an approved minor. Minimum of a 2.0 GPA. |
| SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN & PLANNING | | | |
| Architecture | M.Arch. | Requirements include a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher including all college and university course work performed outside of KU. Submission of Architecture Interest Profile is also required. Other requirements may apply. | Minimum of 180 credit hours, including required subjects. |
| Architectural studies | B.A. | | Minimum of 124 credit hours, including required subjects. |
| Design | B.F.A. | Requirements include a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher including all college and university course work performed outside of KU. In addition, students must submit a digital portfolio, color inventory sheet, and responses to three essay questions as part of their application. Other requirements may apply. | Minimum of 125 credit hours, including required subjects and 45 credits of courses 300 and above. |
| SCHOOL OF BUSINESS | | | |
| Accounting | B.S.B. | Requirements include a minimum of 60 credit hours and minimum 2.5 GPA. Additional requirements may apply. For more information, see Business progression guide. | A minimum of 120 credit hours, including required KU Core courses and degree specific course work and a minimum 2.2 GPA. Additional requirements may apply. For more information, see Business progression guide. |
| Business administration | B.B.A., B.S.B. | | |
| Finance | B.S.B. | | |
| Information systems | B.S.B. | | |
| Management & leadership | B.S.B. | | |
| Marketing | B.S.B. | | |
| Supply chain management | B.S.B. | | |
| SCHOOL OF EDUCATION | | | |
| CURRICULUM & TEACHING | | | |
| Elementary (K-6) | B.S.E. | Requirements include a 2.75 GPA in required classes as well as a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA. Other admission requirements include having no grade lower than C in English, Mathematics or Communication Studies. | To complete this degree, the student must finish an approved program of at least 120 hours including required KU Core courses and degree-specific course work with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75. Other school requirements apply. |
| English secondary (6-12) | B.S.E. | | |
| Foreign language (PK-12) | B.S.E. | | |
| History & government secondary (6-12) | B.S.E. | | |
| Science middle (5-8) | B.S.E. | | |
| Unified early childhood (birth - grade 3) | B.S.E. | | |
| HEALTH, SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCES | | | |
| Athletic training | B.S. | Requirements include a selective admissions process where applicants will be ranked, in part, based on the following: cumulative GPA (2.75 minimum), final grades in HSES 250 (or equivalent), ACI/CI evaluations from HSES 251 (exception for transfers), recommendations from three former supervisors/mentors/teachers, and outcome of an on-campus staff interview. | A minimum of 124 credit hours, including required KU Core courses and degree specific course work with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 is required for graduation. |
| Community health | B.S.E. | Requirements include a cumulative and core GPA of at least 2.75. However, minimum requirements do not guarantee admission into Community Health. | A minimum of 120 credit hours, including required KU Core courses and degree specific course work with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 is required for graduation. |
| Exercise science | B.S. | Requirements include a cumulative GPA (including all transfer hours) of at least a 2.5. The candidate's core GPA must also be at least a 2.75. Essay and letters of recommendation are also required. | |
| Health & physical education teacher licensure (k-12) | B.S.E. | | |
| Sport management | B.S. | Requirements include a cumulative and core GPA of at least 2.75. | |
| SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING | | | |
| Aerospace engineering | B.S. | Admission is competitive and variable. | Minimum of 122 major specific and general education credit hours required for graduation. In many cases, more hours will be required. Requirements for graduation vary by major. |
| Architectural engineering | B.S. | | |
| Chemical engineering | B.S. | | |
| Civil engineering | B.S. | | |
| Computer engineering | B.S. | | |
| Computer science | B.S. | | |
| Electrical engineering | B.S. | | |
| Engineering physics | B.S. | | |
| Information technology | B.S. | | |
| Interdisciplinary computing | B.S. | | |
| Mechanical engineering | B.S. | | |
| Petroleum engineering | B.S. | | |

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| SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS | | | |
| Clinical laboratory science | B.S. | Requirements include an overall GPA of 2.70, and prior to entering the program, students must complete 2 years of undergraduate college course work including a total of 57 semester credit hours. Other admission requirements may apply. | Successful completion of the clinical OR molecular biotechnology concentration and awarding of the baccalaureate degree allows the student to sit for the national certification examination for the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Upon passing the exam, the student will be credentialed as an MLS(ASCP) or MB(ASCP). |
| Health information management | B.S. | Requirements include completing 2 years of undergraduate college course work with a total of 60 credit hours. An overall GPA of 2.5 for college course work is required to be eligible to apply. | Minimum of 120 hours including 60–63 major hours is required for graduation. In addition, students must take the national registry exam offered by AHIMA to allow the student to use the Registered Health Information Administration (RHIA) credential. |
| Occupational therapy | B.S./M.O.T. | A minimum of 90 semester credit hours of undergraduate college course work on the KU Lawrence campus or at another university or community college. | The bachelor's degree is an academic degree conferred upon satisfactory completion of the first year of the Master of Occupational Therapy program, when students enroll in undergraduate courses focusing on the study of occupational therapy and related concepts. The Master of Occupational Therapy is an entry-level professional degree. The M.O.T. is a 3-year full-time program starting each summer session. Students must apply to and be accepted into the M.O.T. program through the Department of Occupational Therapy Education. |
| Respiratory care | B.S. | Requirements include 2 years of undergraduate college course work including 50 hours of prerequisite courses, as well as an overall GPA of 2.5. In addition, student transcripts must document an individual course grade of no less than C on each prerequisite course. | Minimum of 120 credit hours including 67 major hours is required for graduation. In addition, students must pass the National Board for Respiratory Care exam as well as participate in clinical rotations. |
| SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATIONS | | | |
| News & information | B.S.J. | Requirements include complete/enroll in 24 or more credit hours (at KU or elsewhere) with 2.5 KU GPA or higher and complete/enroll in JOUR 101 by application period and earn C or higher. | Minimum of 120 credit hours including 40 hours in journalism and 72 hours outside journalism are required. Also a minimum GPA of 2.75 is required to graduate. |
| Strategic communication | B.S.J. | | |
| SCHOOL OF MUSIC | | | |
| Bassoon | B.M. | All music students must audition for acceptance to a music degree program, including various GPA requirements. | Minimum of 120 credit hours, including GPA standard, is required for a Bachelor of Music. |
| Clarinet | B.M. | | |
| Double bass | B.M. | | |
| Euphonium | B.M. | | |
| Flute | B.M. | | |
| French horn | B.M. | | |
| Harp | B.M. | | |
| Music | B.A. | | |
| Music composition | B.M. | | |
| Music education | B.M.E. | | |
| Music theory | B.M. | | |
| Music therapy | B.M., B.M.E. | | |
| Musicology | B.M. | | |
| Oboe | B.M. | | |
| Organ | B.M. | | |
| Percussion | B.M. | | |
| Piano | B.M. | | |
| Saxophone | B.M. | | |
| Trombone | B.M. | | |
| Trumpet | B.M. | | |
| Tuba | B.M. | | |
| Viola | B.M. | | |
| Violin | B.M. | | |
| Violoncello | B.M. | | |
| Voice | B.M. | | |
| SCHOOL OF NURSING | | | |
| Nursing | B.S.N. | Requirements include a total of 62 semester hours of credit with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Admission is competitive. | Minimum of 124 credit hours is required including GPA standards. Graduation from the School of Nursing does not guarantee a nursing license from the State of Kansas or other states. |
| SCHOOL OF PHARMACY | | | |
| Pharmacy | Pharm.D. | Students applying for the fall 2016 semester must have completed, or plan to complete prior to the fall 2016 semester, the 68 credit hours of required pre-pharmacy courses. | The Doctor of Pharmacy degree requires completion of all the required pre-pharmacy and professional courses for a total of 208 credit hours with an overall grade point average of 2.25, as well as a 2.25 grade point average in professional courses. |
| SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE* | | | |
| Social work | B.S.W. | Requirements include completion of 36 hours of course work, including mathematics and English Composition I and II. | Minimum of 120 credit hours of course work, including 12 credit hours of field practicum, at least 30 hours taken in residence, and a 2.5 minimum GPA for all classroom work. |

For questions concerning transfer credit, please contact a KU school official upon arrival.

