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
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<th>CURRENT B.A. REQUIREMENTS</th>
<th>KU CORE AS B.A. REQUIREMENTS</th>
<th>KU CORE WITH CUSA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR B.A. REQUIREMENTS</th>
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<td>1. Distribution 45 hours</td>
<td>Critical Thinking &amp; Quantitative Literacy 2 units Written &amp; Oral Communication 2 units written + 1 unit oral Background of Knowledge Across Fundamental Areas of Study 3 units Cultural Understanding &amp; Global Awareness 2 units Social Responsibility &amp; Ethical Behavior 1 unit Integrate Knowledge &amp; Think Creatively 1 unit</td>
<td>1. <strong>Quantitative</strong> – An additional course beyond the KU Core Quantitative Literacy goal with a pre-requisite of MATH 101 or another course approved by CUSA. 2. <strong>Foreign Language</strong> – 4th semester proficiency or 3rd semester proficiency with one additional semester in another foreign language. 3. <strong>Laboratory</strong> – An approved laboratory experience or field camp.</td>
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<td>2. Principal courses 27 hours</td>
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<td>72 hours</td>
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* 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