

American Sign Language & Deaf Studies, BA, BGS

University of Kansas - Edwards Campus

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Program Description

The Associate of Arts, AA (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-arts/>) at JCCC is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the AA may select courses that satisfy both the AA degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the AA allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. The AA degree requires completion of 60 credit hours. Meeting with a JCCC counselor (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/counseling/academic-counseling/>) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

Admissions

Apply at KU Admissions (<https://admissions.ku.edu/apply/>) by selecting the Transfer application and selecting the Edwards Campus. Students are assured admission with 24+ transferable credit hours at a GPA of 2.5. Only transfer grades of "C" or higher will count towards KU degree requirements. All grades count in the transferable GPA used for admission decisions.

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn 120 hours for graduation. A maximum of 75 hours may be transferred to KU from community colleges. Students should be aware that 45 junior/senior credit hours are required for completion of the bachelor's degree; 30 of those hours must be at KU; and community college courses do not transfer as junior/senior hours.

KU Core 34 Requirements

- Students transferring to KU, that complete the General Education requirements required for the Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-science/>) degree from JCCC will be considered to have satisfied KU's Core 34 general education curriculum.
- Students who transfer to KU, without completing the General Education requirements required for the Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-science/>) degree will have courses evaluated on a course-by-course basis toward meeting KU requirements. To learn more about courses that satisfy KU Core 34 Requirements (<https://catalog.ku.edu/core34/>) and KU CredTran (<https://credittransfer.ku.edu/>).
- Visit the KU Core 34 General Education guide (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/transfer/files/transfer-guides/ku-core-requirements.pdf>) for JCCC equivalents.

KU Core 34

Code	Title	Hours
	Visit the KU Core 34 English (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.	6
	Visit the KU Core 34 Communications (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.	3
	Visit the KU Core 34 Math and Statistics (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.	3

Visit the KU Core 34 Natural and Physical Sciences (lab required) (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.	4-5
Visit the KU Core 34 Core 34 Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (Select two courses in two different disciplines)	6
Visit the KU Core 34 Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (Select two courses in two different disciplines)	3
Visit the KU Core 34 US Culture (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. Institutionally Designated	3
Visit the KU Core 34 Global Culture (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. Institutionally Designated	3

American Sign Language and Deaf Studies Major Preparation at JCCC. Please note the ASL Studies Certificate is no longer offered at JCCC.

Students must complete at JCCC, at a minimum, the below courses at JCCC:

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
ASL 120	Elementary American Sign Language I	3	SPED 501	American Sign Language I	3
ASL 121	Elementary American Sign Language II*	3	SPED 502	American Sign Language II	
ASL 122	Intermediate American Sign Language I*	3	SPED 503	American Sign Language III	
ASL 123 &	Intermediate American Sign Language II* and	3	SPED 504	American Sign Language IV	
ASL 135	Intro to American Sign Language Linguistics* ^	3	No KU equivalent, but counts as ASLD U		
ASL 145	Introduction to the Deaf Community* ^	3	No KU equivalent, but counts as ASLD U		
ASL 150 &	American Sign Language Literature* and ^	3	No KU equivalent, but counts as ASLD U		

* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

^ASL 135, ASL 145 and ASL 150 are not required, but recommended as they will satisfy an elective requirement toward the KU bachelor's degree but will not count towards a required course for the ASLD program.

Students who complete ASL 123 Intermediate American Sign Language II with a "C" or higher at JCCC will be allowed to advance into upper level ASL courses at KU. However, for students who complete ASL 123 then have a lapse of two years or more before enrolling at KU, a proficiency interview will be required.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) Degree Requirements beyond the KU Core

The School of Professional Studies changed its BA and BGS requirements effective Fall 2021 which are different than those required for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. There is no longer a practical reason for a student to choose the BGS as they must still take ASL 120-123 to be prepared for the program.

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