

KANSAS STUDIES, MINOR

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The Washburn University Kansas Studies Minor is an interdisciplinary program devoted to encouraging research, sponsoring programming, and promoting outreach that focuses on the past, present, and future of Kansas.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Kansas Studies minor, students will be able to:

- Describe the natural environment of Kansas and how humans have interacted with that environment.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the diversity of cultures, arts, and literature of Kansas
- Critically analyze central processes and developments in Kansas history, economics, and politics

Study Plan

To obtain the optional minor in Kansas Studies, a student must complete at least 15 hours of designated Kansas Studies course work, with at least 6 of those hours at the upper-division level. The minor will be supervised by the director(s) of the Center for Kansas Studies.

Courses which may be applied toward the requirements of the minor include, but are not limited to, the following:

Code	Title	Hours
AN 369	Kansas Archaeology	3
EN 138	Kansas Literature	3
GG 304	Geography of Kansas	3
GL 103	Historical Geology	3
HI 322	Kansas History	3
KS 199	Special Topics: Kansas Studies	3
KS 340	Kansas Studies	1-3
KS 395	Independent Study - Kansas Studies	1-3
KS 397	Internship in Kansas Studies	1-3
KS 399	Special Topics-Kansas Studies	3
PO 107	Kansas, State, and Local Government	3
PO 309	Kansas Legislative Experience	3
PO 307	Internship	3-6

Course Offerings

KS 199 Special Topics: Kansas Studies (3)

An interdisciplinary topics course on a theme associated particularly with Kansas history and culture, which is team taught by Fellows of the Center. Students and faculty will be challenged to integrate material from different perspectives on a common topic based on joint interest and available resources. As topics change, the course may be repeated for credit.

KS 340 Kansas Studies (1-3)

A multidisciplinary course taught by faculty members of the Center for Kansas Studies that stresses the interrelationships among all aspects of Kansas including anthropology, archaeology, ethnicity, fine arts, geography, geology, history, literature, politics and religion. Prerequisite: None.

Course Attributes:

- KBOR Gen Ed: Inclusion and Belonging
- KBOR Gen Ed: Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Pre-AY 2024-2025 Gen Ed: Social Science
- USLO: Global Citizenship, Ethics and Diversity

KS 395 Independent Study - Kansas Studies (1-3)

Directed readings and individualized research program on a subject relevant to Kansas Studies and with the guidance of a professor. May be taken for more than one semester. Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor and approval of Director of the Center for Kansas Studies.

KS 397 Internship in Kansas Studies (1-3)

A program for junior/senior-level undergraduates offered in cooperation with a local or state agency with the supervision of the Director of the Center for Kansas Studies. Prerequisite: Approval of Director of the Center for Kansas Studies.

KS 399 Special Topics-Kansas Studies (3)

Topics will vary from semester to semester and will be announced in advance. May be taken for more than one semester. Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor