

## Comparison of BA vs. BGS

SPLH courses are exactly the same in the BA and BGS. Likewise, both degrees require completion of the [KU Core](#), which are the University general education requirements. The main difference between the two degrees relates to the College of Liberal Arts and Science general education requirements. The table below shows a side-by-side comparison of the two degrees.

Requirements	BA	BGS
<b>SPLH Major</b>	35 credits	<b>35 credits</b>
<b>ASHA Requirements (stats, science)</b>	6 credits	<b>6 credits</b>
<b>KU Core</b>	~36 credits	<b>~36 credits</b>
<b>CLAS BA Requirements (e.g., foreign language, labscience, etc.)</b>	20-23 credits	<b>N/A</b>
<b>CLAS BGS Requirements:</b> 1. Minor, or 2. 2 Certificates, or 3. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Major/Co-Major	N/A	<b>~18 credits ~24 credits ~30-37 credits</b>
<b>Estimated Total Credits</b>	97-100 credits	<b>95 credits (minor) 101 credits (2 Certificates) 107-114 credits (2nd major)</b>
<b>Estimated Remaining Elective Credits to Achieve 120 Total for Graduation</b>	<b>20-23 credits</b>	<b>25 credits 19 credits 6-13 credits</b>

*What does this mean?*

If you do a BA, you will have 20-23 elective credits. This is enough credits to complete a minor (~18 credits) OR a certificate (~12 credits) AND/OR SPLH electives. SPLH electives include

1. SPLH 250/450 Study Abroad Topics in (Specific Country and Program-1-5 credits)
2. SPLH 451 Directed Study Abroad (1-3 credit summer internship),
3. SPLH 452 Global Perspectives in SPLH (3-credit, short-term faculty-led study abroad trip),
4. SPLH 497 Research Experience (2-8 credits of faculty-mentored research),
5. SPLH 498 Departmental Honors Research (6-9 credits of faculty-mentored research),
6. SPLH 516 Speech Perception (2 credits)
7. SPLH 588 Multicultural Considerations in SPLH-1 (2 credits)
8. SPLH 589 Multicultural Considerations in SPLH-2 (2 credits)
9. SPLH 670 Practicum in Audiology (1-3 credits),
10. SPLH 672 Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology (3 credits). The BA also allows you to explore a foreign language.

Note that completing two certificates (~24 credits), or a minor and 1 certificate (~30 credits), or a 2<sup>nd</sup> major/co-major (~30-37 credits) is more difficult with the BA. Thus, if you really want a broader educational experience that includes two certificates, or a minor + 1 certificate, or a 2<sup>nd</sup> major/co-major, then the BGS will likely be a better fit for you. You can complete these related fields of study and still have room in your schedule for at least a few SPLH electives (see list above). The BGS also could be a good path if you don't particularly enjoy or excel in learning foreign languages.

*Take-home message:* In choosing the BA versus BGS, think about how you would prefer to spend your time and which skills would better prepare you for your future. Would you rather learn a foreign language (BA) or pursue a related field of study via minors, certificates, 2<sup>nd</sup>/co-major (BGS)?