

Four-Year Graduation Plan - Courses and Critical Benchmarks

The following is a sample course of study. It is the Student's responsibility to ensure that all program requirements are met. This guide is not a substitute for academic advisement. **All incoming freshmen must develop an academic plan (which maps out all courses needed to graduate within your intended major/degree). Your academic advisor is available to meet with you and create your specific plan.**

*Your path to graduation may vary slightly based on factors such as college credit you earned while in high school, transfer work from other institutions of higher learning and placement in Mathematics. You are responsible for checking prerequisites to any courses. Critical Courses and minimum recommended grades (as noted below) provide feedback regarding major fit and help indicate likelihood of successful completion of chosen academic program and degree.*

First Math	MATH 110 or MATH 116, or 200-level MATH/STAT	Foreign Language Requirement	Yes	Free Elective Hours	28-30
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Critical Course or Benchmark	Course Subject, Number, and Title and Academic Plan Benchmarks Bold = UMKC General Education Core Requirement *Prerequisite May Be Required **Co-Requisite Enrollment Required	Min Recom Grade	Credit Hours (CH)	Notes
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Fall Semester Year 1: 15 hours

	<b>**Anchor I: Reasoning and Values</b> <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</a>		3	Foreign Language is required for all B.A. degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences; The foreign language placement exam is highly recommended to ensure placement in the correct level. <a href="http://cas.umkc.edu/foreignlanguages/PlacementExam.asp">http://cas.umkc.edu/foreignlanguages/PlacementExam.asp</a>
	<b>**DISC 100: Reasoning and Values</b> (Speech and Writing)		3	
	Foreign Language Requirement (110 or higher) <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
◆	COMM-ST 110: Fundamentals of Effective Speaking and Listening OR CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement <a href="#">Click for options</a>	C	3	
	Free Elective		3	

◆ Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required). Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

Spring Semester Year 1: 15 hours

	<b>**Anchor II: Culture and Diversity</b> <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</a>		3	The ALEKS Math Placement Exam is required prior to enrollment in MATH 110 and some 200-level MATH/STATS courses. <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/mathplacement/">www.umkc.edu/mathplacement/</a>  If ALEKS places student in MATH 100: Intermediate Algebra, student may complete Math requirement in the first summer.  MATH 110 & MATH 116 satisfy <b>Focus B: Scientific Reasoning &amp; Quantitative Analysis Requirement.</b>
	<b>**DISC 200: Culture and Diversity</b> (Speech and Writing)		3	
◆	COMM-ST 110: Fundamentals of Effective Speaking and Listening (if not fulfilled above) OR CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement <a href="#">Click for options</a>	C	3	
	Foreign Language Requirement (120 or higher) - <a href="#">Click for options</a>	C-	3	
◆	MATH 110: College Algebra ( <b>Focus B</b> ) OR MATH 116: Math for Liberal Arts ( <b>Focus B</b> ) OR *MATH/STAT 200+ - <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	

◆ Complete Anchor I and DISC 100.  
Complete 30 total hours minimum toward degree.  
Complete Math requirement (110, 116, or 200-level MATH/STAT course).  
Complete at least one Foreign Language course (110 or higher).  
Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required).  
Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

Summer Semester Year 1: 0 hours if all previous courses completed

May use summer semester ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall and spring course loads.			
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Fall Semester Year 2: 15 hours

◆	COMM-ST 2XX/3XX/4XX: Journalism/Mass Comm <a href="#">Click for options</a> OR COMM-ST 220: Modern Communications Media	C	3	POL-SCI 210, HISTORY 101 or 102 fulfill <b>Focus C</b> as well as the Constitution requirement.  Take the RooWriter Writing Assessment the semester immediately following DISC 200 and at least a semester before registering for a Writing Intensive course. <a href="https://net3.umkc.edu/intapps/RooWriter/logon.aspx">https://net3.umkc.edu/intapps/RooWriter/logon.aspx</a>
	Foreign Language Requirement (211 or higher)		3	
	<b>Focus C- Human Values &amp; Ethical Reasoning</b> <a href="#">Click for options</a> (May choose Focus C Course to also fulfill MO Constitution Requirement)		3	
	<b>Focus A: Arts and Humanities</b> <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</a>		3	
	<b>Focus B</b> (if not fulfilled above) <a href="#">Click for options</a> OR Free Elective		3	
◆	Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required). Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.			

Spring Semester Year 2: 16-17 hours

◆	COMM-ST 220: Modern Communications Media (if not fulfilled above) OR COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Comm Elective <a href="#">Click for options</a>	C	3	COMM-ST 303WI may be taken as a non-Writing Intensive course in Year 2 or as a Writing Intensive course anytime after DISC 200 and RooWriter are both completed.
	COMM-ST 303: Intro to Reporting (non-Writing Intensive section) OR COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Comm Elective – <a href="#">Click for options</a>	C	3	
	Missouri Constitution course (if not fulfilled by above) <a href="#">Click for options</a> OR other CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	CAS Science & Math Requirement – Must take Lab Science to fulfill Laboratory requirement - <a href="#">Click for options</a>		4-5	
	CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
◆	Complete Anchor II and DISC 200. Complete Foreign Language Requirement (211 or higher). Complete 60 total hours toward degree. Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required). Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.			

Summer Semester Year 2: 0 hours if all previous courses completed

Fall Semester Year 3: 15 hours

	<b>**Anchor III: Civic and Community Engagement</b> <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</a>		3
	<b>**DISC 300: Civic and Community Engagement</b> (Speech and Writing)		3
	COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Comm Elective – <a href="#">Click for options</a> OR COMM-ST 303WI: Intro to Journalism (CAS Writing Intensive)	C	3

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## First-Time College Students

Catalog Year: 2016 - 2017

Requirement) (only if COMM-ST 303 not taken above) OR COMM-ST 351WI: Fundamentals of Writing for the Media (CAS Writing Intensive Requirement)		
<b>Focus Elective</b> <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</a>		3
Free Elective		3

◆ Complete RooWriter Writing Assessment.  
Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required).  
Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

## Spring Semester Year 3: 15 hours

COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Comm Elective <a href="#">Click for options</a> OR COMM-ST 484: Internship	C	3
Take one Writing Intensive course if not already fulfilled above: COMM-ST 303WI: Intro to Journalism (CAS Writing Intensive Requirement) (only if not taken above) OR COMM-ST 351WI: Fundamentals of Writing for the Media (CAS Writing Intensive Requirement) OR COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Comm Elective <a href="#">Click for options</a>	C	3
CAS Science & Math Requirement <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3

◆ Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required).  
Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

## Summer Semester Year 3: 0 hours if previous courses completed

## Fall Semester Year 4: 15 hours

COMM-ST 484: Internship (if not fulfilled above) OR COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Comm Elective <a href="#">Click for options</a>	C	3	Apply for graduation and complete Final Degree Audits for the following: UMKC General Education Core, CAS Degree Requirements, Major Requirements, and/or Minor Requirements.
COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Comm Elective <a href="#">Click for options</a>	C	3	
CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
Free Elective		3	
Free Elective		3	


[Take the ETS Proficiency Profile \(EPP\) exit exam.](#)

◆ Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required).  
Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

## Spring Semester Year 4: 13-14 hours

COMM-ST 483: Research Seminar in Communication Studies	C	3	In combination with required upper-level courses, take enough Free Elective hours at the 300/400-level to meet the minimum requirement of 36 upper-level credit hours.
COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Comm Elective <a href="#">Click for options</a>	C	3	
Free Elective		3	
Free Elective		3	
<i>Free Elective (only take these credits if needed to reach 120 minimum)</i>		1-2	

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 Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required). Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

### Graduation Requirements Summary

Total Degree Credit Hours	Upper Level (3xx/4xx) Hour Requirement	Minimum Hour / Residency Req.
120	36	30

Major GPA	UM GPA	Other GPA Requirements	Other
2.0	2.0		

### Policy

The School reserves the right to make changes in courses, degree requirements and course schedules without notice.

Students are expected to maintain a quality of achievement significantly above minimum UMKC standards for degree work. Individual student progress will be monitored throughout the program. Satisfactory progress is required of all students for retention in the program. Students are expected to maintain academic standards, perform satisfactorily in courses, refrain from academic dishonesty, comply with the established University and teacher education timetables and requirements, and refrain from unethical or unprofessional behavior or behaviors that obstruct the training process or threaten the welfare of the student or others. Other circumstances involving student behavior will be addressed by the faculty on an individual basis.

### Academic and Career Advising

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<http://cas.umkc.edu/advising/default.asp>

UMKC Career Services Resources: <http://www.career.umkc.edu/>    O\*Net OnLine: <http://www.onetonline.org/>