Four Year Graduation Plan – Courses & 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. For more information see the University Catalog at umkc.edu/catalog.

Your path to graduation may vary 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.

Please Note: Students must have successfully passed (with a “C-” or better) Pre-calculus or a combination of a College Algebra and Trigonometry for college credit to be prepared for major math sequence. Students who do not place into MATH 210 Calculus I or MATH 216 Calculus for Biological Sciences may have to complete preparatory math coursework, adding 3 – 8 hours to the total hours required for the degree.

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<td>MATH 210 Calculus I OR MATH 216 Calculus for Bio Sciences OR STAT 235 Elementary Statistics</td>
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<tr>
<th>Critical Course</th>
<th>Course Subject, Number, &amp; Title and Academic Plan Benchmarks</th>
<th>Min. Rec. Grade</th>
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<td><strong>Prerequisite May Be Required</strong></td>
<td><strong>Co-Requisite Enrollment Required</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Enrollment in BIOLOGY 108 and/or 109 is based on ACT scores. Transfer students should consult with an advisor before enrolling.</strong></td>
<td><strong>A grade of B (3.00) or higher in Biology, Chemistry, &amp; Mathematics courses is a realistic benchmark for students to successfully complete a biology degree. A grade of C- or higher required to satisfy major requirements.</strong></td>
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Fall Semester Year 1: 16 hours

- BIOLOGY 108 General Biology I (Focus B) + BIOLOGY 108L Lab OR BIOLOGY 109 General Biology II (Focus B) + BIOLOGY 109L Lab (B 4)

- **CHEM 211 General Chemistry I (Focus Elective) + CHEM 211L Lab (B 5)**

- BIOLOGY 115 First Year Seminar (strongly recommended, not required) (1)

- **ANCHOR I Reasoning & Values [Click for options] (3)**

- **DISC 100 Reasoning & Values (Speech & Writing) [Click for options] (3)**

Complete at least 16 term credit hours
Earn a minimum 2.00 University of Missouri (UM) cumulative GPA
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM Biology GPA

Spring Semester Year 1: 15 hours

- BIOLOGY 108 General Biology I + BIOLOGY 108L Lab OR BIOLOGY 109 General Biology II + BIOLOGY 109L Lab (B 4)

- **CHEM 212R General Chemistry II (Focus Elective) + Lab (B 5)**

- **ANCHOR II Culture & Diversity [Click for options] (3)**

- **DISC 200 Culture & Diversity (Speech & Writing) [Click for options] (3)**

Complete at least 15 term credit hours
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM cumulative GPA
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM Biology GPA

Register for [UMKC Roo Career Network](#).

Students who are planning to complete their degree in 4-years should aim to average at least 30 credit hours per academic year (Fall, Spring, Summer) to stay on track.

Summer Semester Year 1: 0 hours

- Complete ANCHOR I & DISC 100

- Complete BIOLOGY 108: General Biology I + BIOLOGY 108L: General Biology I Laboratory

- Complete BIOLOGY 109: General Biology II + BIOLOGY 109L: General Biology II Laboratory

- Complete CHEM 211: General Chemistry I + CHEM 211L: Experimental General Chemistry I

- Maintain minimum 2.00 UM cumulative GPA and UM Biology GPA

- Complete 30 total hours toward degree

Students may use the summer to ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall and spring course loads.
## Fall Semester Year 2: 15-16 hours

- **BIOLOGY 202 Cell Biology OR BIOLOGY 206 Genetics**
  - B 3
- **CHEM 321 Organic Chemistry + CHEM 321L Lab**
  - B 4
- **MATH 120 Precalculus¹ OR MATH 210 Calculus I OR MATH 216 Calculus for Biological Sciences¹**
  - B 4-5
- LS 201 Healthcare Professions Seminar (recommended, not required)
  - 1
- **Focus C Human Actions, Values, & Ethics²**
  - (PSYCH 210 recommended as preparation for MCAT) Click for options
  - 3

Complete at least 15 term credit hours
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM cumulative GPA
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM Biology GPA

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## Spring Semester Year 2: 13-14 hours

- **BIOLOGY 202 Cell Biology OR BIOLOGY 206 Genetics**
  - B 3
- **CHEM 322R Organic Chemistry + CHEM 322L Lab**
  - B 4
- **MATH 210 Calculus I OR MATH 216 Calculus for Biological Sciences OR MATH 220 Calculus II OR MATH 226 BioMath II Statistics & Modeling OR STAT 235 Elementary Statistics**
  - B 3-4
- General Elective (SOCIOL 101 or 121 recommended as preparation for MCAT)
  - 3

Complete at least 13 term credit hours
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM cumulative GPA
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM Biology GPA

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## Summer Semester Year 2: 0 hours

Complete ANCHOR II & DISC 200
Complete CHEM 321 Organic Chemistry I + CHEM 321L Lab
Complete RooWriter Assessment
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM cumulative GPA
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM Biology GPA
Complete 60 total hours toward degree

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## Fall Semester Year 3: 17-19 hours

- LS-BIOC 341 Basic Biochemistry
  - B 3
- LS-MCRB 313 Microbiology
  - B 3
- LS-MCRB 313WL Lab in Microbiology
  - B 3
- PHYSICS 210 General Physics I OR PHYSICS 240 Physics for Scientists & Engineers I
  - B 4-5
- **MATH 220 Calculus II OR MATH 226 BioMath II Statistics & Modeling OR STAT 235 Elementary Statistics OR General Elective**
  - B 3-4
- BIO 385 Preparing for Careers in Biology (recommended, not required)
  - 1

Complete at least 17 term credit hours
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM cumulative GPA
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM Biology GPA

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1. Enrollment restricted. Must take ALEKS Math Placement Exam or show prerequisite requirement has been met prior to enrolling.

2. HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210 meet both Focus C & Missouri Constitution Requirements.

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### Spring Semester Year 3: 16-17 hours

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<td>LS-BIOC 430 Molecular Biology &amp; Genetic Engineering</td>
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<td>BIOLOGY 2XX/3XX/4XX Lab Elective [Click for options]</td>
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<td>PHYSICS 220 General Physics II OR PHYSICS 250 Physics for Scientists &amp; Engineers II</td>
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<td><strong>ANCHOR III Community &amp; Civic Engagement [Click for options]</strong></td>
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<td>LS 202 Preparing for Careers in Healthcare (recommended, not required)</td>
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Students should complete appropriate admission exams for professional health or graduate program applications, e.g. MCAT, DAT, GRE.

Complete at least 16 term credit hours
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM cumulative GPA
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM Biology GPA

### Summer Semester Year 3: 0 hours

Complete ANCHOR III & DISC 300
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM cumulative GPA
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM Biology GPA
Complete 90 total hours toward degree

Students may use the summer to ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall or spring course loads.

### Fall Semester Year 4: 14-15 hours

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<td>LS-PHYS 316 Principles of Physiology</td>
<td>B 3</td>
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<td>LS-MCRB 431 Virology OR General Elective if planning to take Immunology below</td>
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<td>BIOLOGY 3XX/4XX Elective</td>
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<td><strong>Focus A Arts &amp; Humanities [Click for options]</strong></td>
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Complete at least 14 term credit hours
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM cumulative GPA
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM Biology GPA

### Spring Semester Year 4: 14-15 hours

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<td>BIOLOGY 498WI¹ Critical Analysis of Biological Issues OR LIFE-SCI 497 Special Topics [Click for options] OR LIFE-SCI 499 Undergraduate Research [Click for options]</td>
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<td>LS-MCRB 435 Immunology OR General Elective if Virology completed above</td>
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³BIOLOGY 498WI includes the Biology Major Field Exam (MFE) as part of the course.

Complete Major Field Exam for Biology
Complete ETS Proficiency Profile
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM cumulative GPA
Maintain minimum 2.00 UM Biology GPA

### Graduation Requirements Summary

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<td>Total Hours</td>
<td>120 minimum</td>
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<td>36 minimum</td>
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Other Information

A minimum of 30 hours must be earned at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, regardless of the number and level of hours earned at another institution. Undergraduate degree-seeking students are required to earn credit in at least 36 hours of coursework numbered 300 and above at UMKC. In the case of transfer credit, the coursework must be numbered as junior-senior level work by the transferring institution. Community-college transfer coursework cannot count towards the 36-hour requirement.

Non-course Requirements

RooWriter Assessment
Biology Major Field Exam
ETS Proficiency Profile

Policy

The University reserves the right to make changes in courses 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 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.

Advising Contact Information

School of Biological Sciences Academic Support
816-235-2580
sbs-undergrad@umkc.edu
sbs.umkc.edu/undergraduate_support.cfm

Career Opportunities

UMKC Career Services – career.umkc.edu | 816-235-1636 | 2nd Floor, Atterbury Student Success Center.
O*Net OnLine – OnetOnline.org Learn about careers related to your major, income potential, and more.