

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.

First Math Course:	Math Not Required	Foreign Language Requirement:	No	General Elective Hours:	0
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Critical Course	Course Subject, Number, & Title and Academic Plan Benchmarks Bold = UMKC General Education Core requirement *Prerequisite May Be Required ** Co-Requisite Enrollment Required	Min. Rec. Grade	Credit Hours	Notes
Fall Semester Year 1: 15-16 hours				
◆	CONSVTY 141 Musicianship I	B-	4	1 Music BA – Music Therapy students must complete 4 semesters of applied lessons on their choice of instrument and the accompanying studio course - BASSOON, CELLO, CLARINET, EUPHONIUM, FLUTE, GUITAR, HORN, OBOE, ORGAN, PERCUSSION, PIANO, SAXOPHONE, STRING BASS, TROMBONE, TRUMPET, TUBA, VIOLA, VIOLIN, OR VOICE. Jury may be required.
◆	CONSVTY 110 Keyboard Skills I	B-	1	
	Instrument 101 Lessons ¹ Click for options		2	
	CONSVTY 300 Studio Class Click for options		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		1-2	
	CONSVTY 373G Guitar Techniques		1	
	**Anchor I Reasoning & Values Click for options (ANCH 103 Muse recommended)		3	
	**DISC 100 Reasoning & Values (Speech & Writing) Click for options		3	
Complete 15+ credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Spring Semester Year 1: 16-17 hours				
◆	CONSVTY 142 Musicianship II	B-	4	Register for UMKC Roo Career Network . Jury may be required.
	CONSVTY 123 Keyboard Skills II	B-	1	
◆	Instrument 102 Lessons Click for options		2	
	CONSVTY 300 Studio Class Click for options		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		1-2	
	CONSVTY 101C Voice Class		2	
	**Anchor II Culture & Diversity Click for options		3	
	**DISC 200 Culture & Diversity (Speech & Writing) Click for options		3	
Complete 16+ credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				

Summer Semester Year 1: 0 hours				
Complete Anchor I & DISC 100 Complete at least 30 total credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA				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: 18-19 hours				
	CONSVTY 241 Musicianship III	B-	4	Take the RooWriter Assessment after completing DISC 200. Should complete prior to reaching 90 total hours. Jury may be required.
	CONSVTY 223 Keyboard Skills III	B-	1	
	Instrument 201 Lessons Click for options		2	
	CONSVTY 300 Studio Class Click for options		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		1-2	
	CONSVTY 138 Music Therapy Foundations		2	
	CONSVTY 316 Music Therapy Guitar Techniques		2	
	**Anchor III Civic & Community Engagement Click for options		3	
	**DISC 300 Civic & Community Engagement (Speech & Writing) Click for options		3	
Complete 18+ credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Spring Semester Year 2: 16-17				
◆	CONSVTY 242 Musicianship IV	B-	4	Jury may be required.
	CONSVTY 310 Keyboard Skills IV	B-	1	
	Instrument 202 Lessons Click for options		2	
	CONSVTY 300 Studio Class Click for options		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		1-2	
	CONSVTY 351 Music Therapy Piano Techniques		2	
	CONSVTY 317 Music Therapy Ensemble Techniques		3	
	PSYCH 210 General Psychology (Focus C)		3	
Complete 16+ credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Summer Semester Year 2: 0 hours				
Complete RooWriter Assessment Complete Anchor II & DISC 200 Complete at least 60 total credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA				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 3: 15 hours				
	CONSVTY 351 Music History I (Focus A)		3	Jury may be required.
	CONSVTY 369 Clinical Lab Skills		1	
	CONSVTY 395 Clinical foundations		3	
	CONSVTY 425A Arranging for Choral Groups OR CONSVTY 425B Arranging Instrumental		2	
	Psychology or Counseling Elective		3	
	Focus B Scientific Reasoning & Quantitative Analysis Click for options		3	

Complete 15 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Spring Semester Year 3: 17 hours				
	CONSVTY 352 Music History II (Focus Elective)		3	Jury may be required.
	CONSVTY 369 Clinical Skills Lab		1	
	CONSVTY 435 research Methods of Music		3	
	CONSVTY 437 Computer Literacy for Musicians		1	
	CONSVTY 366 Clinical Foundations of Music		3	
	CONSVTY 342 This is Your Brain on Music		3	
	Psychology or Counseling Elective		3	
Complete 17 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Summer Semester Year 3: 0 hours				
Complete at least 90 total credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA				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 4: 13 hours				
	CONSVTY 380 Basic Conducting - Choral OR CONSVTY 381 Basic Conducting - Instrumental		2	Apply for graduation & complete your Final Degree Audit for Major and Minor (if applicable). Take the ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exit exam.
	CONSVTY 409 Music in Therapy - Children		3	
	CONSVTY 369 Clinical Skills Lab		1	
	CONSVTY 373E Percussion Class		1	
	Psychology or Counseling Elective		3	
	Non-Music Elective		3	
Complete 13 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				Jury may be required.
Spring Semester Year 4: 13 hours				
	CONSVTY 408 Music in Therapy – Adults		3	Take Major Field (MF) exit exam. Jury may be required.
	CONSVTY 369 Clinical Skills Lab		1	
	MO Constitution Requirement Click for options		3	
	Psychology or Counseling Elective		3	
	Non-Music Elective		3	
Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				

Graduation Requirements Summary					
Total Hours	Total Hours at UMKC	Upper Lvl Hrs in Major at UMKC	Total Upper Level (300/400) hours	Major GPA	UMKC GPA
123 minimum	30 minimum	12 minimum	36 minimum	2.00 minimum	2.00 minimum

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 Writing Assessment
ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exam
Major Field (MF) exam

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Policy

The University reserves the right to make changes in courses and course schedules. 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.

Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Music Therapy degree program prepares students to use therapeutic applications of music to address clients' physical, psychological, cognitive, emotional, and social needs. Foundational coursework includes core music courses, such as theory, history and performance, as well as courses in science and psychology. Music therapy coursework addresses client populations, clinical musicianship, and the treatment process in clinical practice.

Admission Requirements

- Complete the [UMKC application](#) for admission.
- Complete the [Conservatory Supplemental Application](#) for admission.
- Complete an interview with a music therapy faculty member prior to admission.
- Qualify for the first semester freshman level of lessons on the applied instrument for 2 units/credit hours at the audition for admission.
- Students should have enough proficiency at the piano to play popular songs and church hymns, and to harmonize simple folk songs. The ability to play by ear is useful.
- Emotional stability and good physical stamina are essential for a music therapist.

Advising Contact Information

Conservatory Phone 816-235-2900

Conservatory Website conservatory.umkc.edu

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.