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](http://umkc.edu/catalog).

Please Note: Students who do not place into MATH 110 Precalculus Algebra, MATH 116 Math for Liberal Arts, or higher may have to complete preparatory math coursework, potentially adding 3 hours to the total hours required for the degree.

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<th>First Math Course:</th>
<th>MATH 110 Precalculus Algebra OR MATH 116 Math for Liberal Arts OR STAT 235 Elementary Statistics</th>
<th>Foreign Language Requirement:</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>General Elective Hours:</th>
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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 hours **

- **COMM-ST 110 Fundamentals of Effective Speaking & Listening OR CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement** [Click for options]
  - B 3
  - Students must earn a C- or above and a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all major coursework.

- Foreign Language Requirement⁴ (110 or higher) [Click for options]
  - 3

- **Anchor I Reasoning & Values** [Click for options]
  - 3

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

- General Elective
  - 3

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** Spring Semester Year 1: 15 hours **

- **COMM-ST 110 Fundamentals of Effective Speaking & Listening OR CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement** [Click for options]
  - B 3

- MATH 110 Precalculus Algebra² (Focus B) OR MATH 116 Math for Liberal Arts² (Focus B) OR STAT 235 Elementary Statistics² (Focus B)
  - B 3
  - ²Enrollment restricted. Must take ALEKS Math Placement Exam or show prerequisite requirement has been met prior to enrolling.

- Foreign Language Requirement (120 or higher)
  - 3

- **Anchor II Culture & Diversity** [Click for options]
  - 3

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

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** Summer Semester Year 1: 0-3 hours **

- Math 110, MATH 116, or STAT 235 (if not already completed)
  - B 3

Complete Math Requirement
Complete Anchor I & DISC 100
Complete at least one Foreign Language course (110 or higher)
Complete at least 30 total credit hours toward degree
Maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA
### Fall Semester Year 2: 15 hours
- **COMM-ST 308 Introduction to the Study of Human Communication OR COMM-ST 2XX/3XX/4XX Public Course** [Click for options]  
  - B 3
- Foreign Language Requirement (211 or higher)  
  - 3
- **Focus A Arts & Humanities** [Click for options]  
  - 3
- **Focus C Human Values & Ethical Reasoning** [Click for options]  
  - Recommend HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210  
  - 3
- CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement [Click for options]  
  - Complete MO Constitution requirement if not met above  
  - 3

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### Spring Semester Year 2: 15-17 hours
- **COMM-ST 308 Introduction to the Study of Human Communication OR COMM-ST 2XX/3XX/4XX Public Course** [Click for options]  
  - B 3
- **COMM-ST 377 Interpersonal Communication OR COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Interpersonal Course** [Click for options]  
  - 3
- CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement [Click for options]  
  - Complete MO Constitution requirement if not met above  
  - 3
- CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement [Click for options]  
  - 3
- CAS Science & Math Requirement [Click for options]  
  - Must take at least one science course with lab  
  - 3-5

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### Summer Semester Year 2: 0 hours
- Complete Anchor II & DISC 200  
- Complete Foreign Language Requirement (211 or higher)  
- Complete RooWriter Assessment  
- Complete at least 60 credit hours toward degree  
- Maintain 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
- **COMM-ST 341WI Rhetorical Theory & Criticism OR COMM-ST 2XX/3XX/4XX Interpersonal/Public Elective** [Click for options]  
  - 3
- **“Anchor III Civic & Community Engagement”** [Click for options]  
  - 3
- **“DISC 300 Civic & Community Engagement”** (Speech & Writing) [Click for options]  
  - 3
- **Focus Elective** [Click for options]  
  - 3

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### Spring Semester Year 3: 15-17 hours
- **COMM-ST 431WI Rhetorical Theory & Criticism OR COMM-ST 2XX/3XX/4XX Interpersonal/Public Elective** [Click for options]  
  - 3
- **COMM-ST 377 Interpersonal Communication OR COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Interpersonal Course** [Click for options]  
  - 3
- CAS Science & Math Requirement [Click for options]  
  - Must take at least one science course with lab  
  - 3-5

Complete 15 credit hours toward degree  
Earn minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA
### Summer Semester Year 3: 0 hours

- Complete Anchor III & DISC 300
- Complete at least 90 credit hours towards degree
- Maintain 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: 15-16 hours

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<td>COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Interpersonal/Public Elective Click for options</td>
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### Spring Semester Year 4: 15 hours

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<td>COMM-ST 483 Research Seminar in Communication Studies</td>
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### Graduation Requirements Summary

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<td>120 minimum</td>
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<td>18 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 Writing Assessment: Met
- ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exam: Met

### 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 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.

### Advising Contact Information
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.