

**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).

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:** This is an **online program** designed for students who have completed a degree from an accredited (American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation) dental hygiene program at another educational institution and desire to continue their education toward a baccalaureate degree. All students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science degree completion program in dental hygiene must complete the university's general education requirements and at least 30 semester credit hours at UMKC. These 30 credit hours include the UMKC Division of Dental Hygiene core curriculum and any incomplete general education requirements. Depending upon transfer coursework, students may have additional general elective coursework to complete to reach the 124.5 hours required for the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree.

<b>First Math Course:</b>	Math Not Required	<b>Foreign Language Requirement:</b>	None	<b>General Elective Hours:</b>	18
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Critical Course	Course Subject, Number, & Title and Academic Plan Benchmarks <b>Bold = UMKC General Education Core requirement</b> ** Co-Requisite Enrollment Required	Min. Rec. Grade	Credit Hours	Notes
<b>Summer Semester Year 0: 1 hours</b>				
	DENT-HYG 4130 Intro to Instructional Technologies & Online Learning		1	Take the <a href="#">RooWriter Assessment</a> .
Earn minimum 2.5 term GPA				
<b>Fall Semester Year 1: 17 hours</b>				
	DENT-HYG 4040 Foundations of Teaching		2	Register for <a href="#">UMKC Roo Career Network</a> .
	DENT-HYG 4620 Intro to Educational Methodology		3	
	General Elective I		3	
	General Elective II		3	
	<b>** Anchor III Civic &amp; Community Engagement</b> <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	<b>** DISC 300 Civic &amp; Community Engagement (Speech &amp; Writing)</b> <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
Complete 17 credit hours towards degree Earn minimum 2.5 term GPA				
<b>Spring Semester Year 1: 15 hours</b>				
	DENT-HYG 4150 Portfolio Capstone		1	<a href="#">Apply for graduation</a>
	DENT-HYG 4500 Seminar on Issues in Higher Ed for Health Professionals		3	
	DENT-HYG 4600 Evidence based Decision Making in Dental Hygiene		2	
	General Elective III		3	
	General Elective IV		3	
	General Elective V		3	
Complete 15 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.5 term GPA				

Summer Semester Year 1: 5 hours				
	DENT-HYG 4110 Introduction to Research Design		2	Re-take <a href="#">RooWriter Assessment</a> .
	General Elective VI		3	
Complete at least 30 total credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA				

Graduation Requirements Summary					
Total Hours	Total Hours at UMKC	Upper Lvl Hrs in Major at UMKC	Upper (300 / 400) Level Hours	Major GPA	UMKC GPA
124.5 minimum	30 minimum	14 minimum	36 minimum	2.50 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.

### 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 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.

### Admission to the Degree Completion Program

- Graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program
- Results and successful completion of the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination
- Satisfactory academic GPA (a cumulative college GPA of at least 2.5)
- Hold a current dental hygiene state license

Formal applications for admission to this program must be submitted by February 1 for the class beginning in July (summer semester) of each year. The program may be completed on a full or part-time basis.

Contact director of degree completion program PRIOR to applying to the program.

### Advising Contact Information

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### Career Opportunities

UMKC Career Services – [career.umkc.edu](http://career.umkc.edu) | 816-235-1636 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Atterbury Student Success Center  
 O\*Net OnLine – [OnetOnline.org](http://OnetOnline.org) Learn about careers related to your major, income potential, and more.