

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 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 hours to the total hours required for the degree.

First Math Course:	MATH 110 Precalculus Algebra OR MATH 116 Math for Liberal Arts OR STAT 235 Elementary Statistics	Foreign Language Requirement:	Yes	General Elective Hours:	26
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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. Recom. 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. ¹ The Foreign Language placement exam is highly recommended to ensure placement in the correct course level.
	Foreign Language Requirement ¹ (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	
Complete 15 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA				
Spring Semester Year 1: 15 hours				
◆	COMM-ST 110 Fundamentals of Effective Speaking & Listening OR CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement Click for options	B	3	² Enrollment restricted. Must take ALEKS Math Placement Exam or show prerequisite requirement has been met prior to enrolling. Register for UMKC Handshake career network .
◆	MATH 110 Precalculus Algebra ² (Focus B) OR MATH 116 Math for Liberal Arts ² (Focus B) OR STAT 235 Elementary Statistics ² (Focus B)	B	3	
	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	
Complete 15 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA				
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 220 Modern Communications Media OR COMM-ST 2XX/3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Elective Click for options	B	3	Take the RooWriter Assessment after completing DISC 200. Must complete prior to enrolling in a Writing Intensive (WI) course. ³ HISTORY 101, 102, & POL-SCI 210 fulfill both the Focus Elective & Missouri Constitution requirement.
	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		3	
	General Elective		3	
Complete 15 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA				
Spring Semester Year 2: 15-17 hours				
◆	COMM-ST 220 Modern Communications Media OR COMM-ST 2XX/3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Elective Click for options	B	3	
	COMM-ST 203 Introduction to Journalism OR COMM-ST 2XX/3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Elective 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	
Complete 15+ credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA				
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 203 Introduction to Journalism OR COMM-ST 2XX/3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass 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 A, B, or C elective Click for options		3	
	General Elective		3	
Complete 15 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA				
Spring Semester Year 3: 15-17 hours				
	COMM-ST 484 Communication Studies Activities OR COMM-ST 2XX/3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Elective Click for options		3	Apply for graduation & complete your Final Degree Audit for Major and Minor (if applicable).
	One Writing Intensive course if not already completed: COMM-ST 314WI Reporting COMM-ST 351WI Fundamentals of Writing for the Media OR COMM-ST 341WI Rhetorical Theory & Criticism OR COMM-ST 2XX/3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Elective Click for options		3	

	CAS Science & Math Requirement Click for options (Must take at least one science course with lab)		3-5	
	General Elective		3	
	General Elective		3	
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 hours				
	COMM-ST 484 Communication Studies Activities OR COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Elective Click for options		3	Take the HEighten exit exam.
	COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Elective Click for options		3	
	CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement Click for options		3	
	General Elective		3	
	General Elective		3	
Spring Semester Year 4: 15 hours				
	COMM-ST 483 Research Seminar in Communication Studies		3	
	COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Elective Click for options		3	
	General Elective		3	
	General Elective		3	
	General Elective (only if needed to reach 120 hours)		3	

Graduation Requirements Summary					
Total Hours	Total Hours at UMKC	Upper Lvl Hrs in Major at UMKC	Total Upper Lvl (300/400) hours	Major GPA	UMKC GPA
120 minimum	30 minimum	18 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

Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Examination
 RooWriter Writing Assessment
 HEIghten exit exam

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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

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<http://cas.umkc.edu/advising/default.asp>
816-235-1148

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.