

**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).

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.

<b>First Math Course:</b>	Math Not Required	<b>Foreign Language Requirement:</b>	None	<b>General Elective Hours:</b>	0
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Critical Course	Course Subject, Number, & Title and Academic Plan Benchmarks <b>Bold = UMKC General Education Core requirement</b> *Prerequisite May Be Required ** Co-Requisite Enrollment Required	Min. Recom. Grade	Credit Hours	Notes
<b>Fall Semester Year 1: 16 hours</b>				
◆	CONSVTY 141 Musicianship I	B	4	Jury may be required.  BME Instrumental students are expected to complete 7 semesters of lessons plus the corresponding studio course in an instrument of their choice - BASSOON, CELLO, CLARINET, EUPHONIUM, FLUTE, GUITAR, HORN, OBOE, PERCUSSION, PIANO, SAXOPHONE, STRING BASS, TROMBONE, TRUMPET, TUBA, VIOLA, or VIOLIN.
◆	CONSVTY 110 Keyboard Skills I	B	1	
	Instrument 101 Lessons <sup>1</sup>		2	
	Instrument 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble <a href="#">Click for options</a>		2	
	CONSVTY 373E Percussion Techniques		1	
	<b>**Anchor I Reasoning &amp; Values</b> <a href="#">Click for options</a> (ANCH 103 Muse recommended)		3	
	<b>**DISC 100 Reasoning &amp; Values</b> (Speech & Writing) <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
Complete 16 credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA				
<b>Spring Semester Year 1: 16-18 hours</b>				
◆	CONSVTY 142 Musicianship II	B	4	Register for <a href="#">UMKC Handshake career network</a> .  Jury may be required.
◆	CONSVTY 123 Keyboard Skills II	B	1	
	Instrument 102 Lessons		2	
	Instrument 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble <a href="#">Click for options</a>		2	
	CONSVTY 238 Woodwind Techniques OR CONSVTY 239 Brass Techniques		1	
	CONSVTY 100B Applied study of a second Strings Instrument (BME Instrumental - Stings Majors ONLY)		0-2	
	<b>**Anchor II Culture &amp; Diversity</b> <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	<b>**DISC 200 Culture &amp; Diversity</b> (Speech & Writing) <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
Complete 16+ credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA				

Summer Semester Year 1: 0 hours				
Complete Anchor I & DISC 100 Complete at least 30 total credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.80 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: 19 hours				
◆	CONSVTY 241 Musicianship III	B	4	Take the <a href="#">RooWriter Assessment</a> 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		2	
	Instrument 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble <a href="#">Click for options</a>		2	
	CONSVTY 373P Strings Techniques		1	
◆	CONSVTY 278 Music Teaching Matters – A Professional Beginning	B	3	
	**Anchor III Civic & Community Engagement <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	**DISC 300 Civic & Community Engagement (Speech & Writing) <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
Complete 19 credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA				
Spring Semester Year 2: 14 hours				
◆	CONSVTY 242 Musicianship IV	B	4	Jury may be required.
◆	CONSVTY 310 Keyboard Skills IV	B	1	
	Instrument 202 Lessons		2	
	Instrument 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble <a href="#">Click for options</a>		2	
	CONSVTY 238 Woodwind Techniques OR CONSVTY 239 Brass Techniques		1	
	CONSVTY 307B University Singers		1	
	TCH-ED 403 Educational Psychology		3	
Complete 14 credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.80 cumulative 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 2.80 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: 18-19 hours				
	Instrument 301 Lessons		2	Jury may be required.
	Instrument 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble <a href="#">Click for options</a>		2	
	CONSVTY 270 Marching & Jazz Techniques (BME Instrumental – Woodwind/Brass/Percussion Majors ONLY)		0-1	
	CONSVTY 351 History of Music I (Focus A)		3	

	CONSVTY 358 Wind band Literature (Wind/Brass/Percussion) OR CONSVTY 359 String Literature (Strings)		2	
	CONSVTY 381 Basic Conducting – Instrumental		2	
	CONSVTY 405 Foundations of Music Education		3	
	CONSVTY 411A Field Experience		1	
	<b>Focus B Scientific Reasoning &amp; Quantitative Analysis<sup>1</sup></b> <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
Complete 18+ credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA				
<b>Spring Semester Year 3: 17 hours</b>				
	Instrument 302 Lessons		2	<p><a href="#">Apply for graduation</a> &amp; complete your Final Degree Audit for Major and Minor (if applicable).</p> <p>Jury may be required.</p>
	Instrument 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble <a href="#">Click for options</a>		2	
	CONSVTY 352 Music History II ( <b>Focus Elective</b> )		3	
	CONSVTY 383 Instrumental Conducting		2	
	CONSVTY 386 Secondary Methods – Instrumental		3	
	CONSVTY 378L Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal Tech Lab		1	
	CONSVTY 411B Field Experience		1	
	EDRD 439 Language & Literacy across the Disciplines		3	
Complete 17 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
<b>Summer Semester Year 3: 0 hours</b>				
Complete at least 90 total credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA				Students may use the summer to ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall and spring course loads.
<b>Fall Semester Year 4: 19 hours</b>				
	Instrument 401 Lessons		2	<p>Take the <a href="#">HEIghten</a> exit exam.</p> <p>Jury may be required.</p> <p><sup>1</sup>HISTORY 101, 102, &amp; POL-SCI 210 fulfill both the <b>Focus C</b> &amp; <a href="#">Missouri Constitution requirement</a>.</p>
	Instrument 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble <a href="#">Click for options</a>		2	
	CONSVTY 385 Elementary Methods		3	
	CONSVTY 425B Instrumental Arranging OR CONSVTY 331 Orchestration		2	
	CONSVTY411C Field Experience		1	
	TCH-ED 420 Adolescent Development		3	
	TCH-ED 404 Exceptional Child		3	
	<b>Focus C Human Values &amp; Ethical Reasoning</b> <a href="#">Click for options</a> Recommend HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210 <sup>1</sup>		3	
Complete 19 credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA				
<b>Spring Semester Year 4: 14 hours</b>				
	CONSVTY 412A Student Teaching – Elementary		4	Jury may be required.
	CONSVTY 412B Student Teaching – Secondary		4	

	TCH-ED 419 Student Teaching – Elementary		3	
	TCH-ED 437 Student Teaching – Secondary		3	
Maintain a minimum 2.80 cumulative 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
138 minimum	30 minimum	12 minimum	36 minimum	3.00 minimum	2.80 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. 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 BME-Instrumental degree is a rigorous program that prepares students as musicians, performers and teachers. In addition to core classes in musicianship, performance and teaching techniques, students gain extensive experience through field experiences within local schools. Upon completion of their student teaching our graduates are prepared as innovative leaders in the classroom and in their communities. Completion of the bachelor of music education (BME) degree fulfills the course requirements to teach music in grades K-12 (elementary general music and secondary vocal or instrumental music) in both Missouri and Kansas. Students may earn a BME degree with an emphasis in choral or instrumental music.

### Admission Requirements

- Complete the [UMKC application](#) for admission.
- Complete the [Conservatory Supplemental Application](#) for admission.
- Qualify for the first semester freshman level of lessons on the applied instrument for 2 units/credit hours at the audition for admission.
- Show demonstrable knowledge of all major and minor scales and arpeggios in one or two octaves, etudes and solos from standard literature of the instrument.
- Membership in high-school orchestra or band is desirable.
- Students must have an ACT score of 21 or higher, or be at the 50 percentile or higher in the high school class rank, or have a high school grade point average of 2.5 or better.
- Applicants are required to complete an interview with a music education faculty member prior to admission.

### Advising Contact Information

Conservatory Phone 816-235-2900  
 Conservatory Website [conservatory.umkc.edu](http://conservatory.umkc.edu)

### 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.