

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:	9
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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: 17 hours				
	INSTRUMENT 101 Freshman Instrument I		4	Jury may be required.
	INSTRUMENT 300 Studio Class		0	
◆	CONSVTY 141 Musicianship I	B	4	
◆	CONSVTY 110 Keyboard Skills I	B	1	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		2	
	**Anchor I Reasoning & Values Click for options (ANCH 103 Muse recommended)		3	
	**DISC 100 Reasoning & Values (Speech & Writing) Click for options		3	
Complete 17 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Spring Semester Year 1: 17 hours				
	INSTRUMENT 102 Freshman Instrument II		4	Register for UMKC Handshake career network . Jury may be required.
	INSTRUMENT 300 Studio Class		0	
◆	CONSVTY 142 Musicianship II	B	4	
◆	CONSVTY 123 Keyboard Skills II	B	1	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		2	
	**Anchor II Culture & Diversity Click for options		3	
	**DISC 200 Culture & Diversity (Speech & Writing) Click for options		3	
Complete 17 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 hours				
	INSTRUMENT 201 Sophomore Instrument I		4	Take the RooWriter Assessment after completing DISC 200. Should complete prior to reaching 90 total hours. Jury may be required.
	INSTRUMENT 300 Studio Class		0	
◆	CONSVTY 241 Musicianship III	B	4	
◆	CONSVTY 223 Keyboard Skills III	B	1	
	CONSVTY 305A Chamber Music (or 303C – Percussion only)		1	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		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: 15 hours				
	INSTRUMENT 202 Sophomore Instrument II		4	Jury may be required.
	INSTRUMENT 300 Studio Class		0	
◆	CONSVTY 242 Musicianship IV	B	4	
◆	CONSVTY 310 Keyboard Skills IV	B	1	
	CONSVTY 305A Chamber Music (or 303C – Percussion only)		1	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		2	
	Focus B Scientific Reasoning & Quantitative Analysis Click for options		3	
Complete 15 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				
	INSTRUMENT 301 Junior Instrument I		4	Jury may be required. ¹ HISTORY 101, 102, & POL-SCI 210 fulfill both the Focus Elective & Missouri Constitution requirement
	INSTRUMENT 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY 351 Music History I (Focus A)		3	
	CONSVTY 381 Basic Conducting – Instrumental		2	
	CONSVTY 305A Chamber Music (or 303C – Percussion only)		1	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		2	
	Focus C Human Values & Ethical Reasoning Click for options Recommend HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210 ¹		3	
Complete 15 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Spring Semester Year 3: 13 hours				
	INSTRUMENT 302 Junior Instrument II		4	
	INSTRUMENT 300 Studio Class		0	

	CONSVTY 305A Chamber Music (or 303C – Percussion only)		1	Apply for graduation & complete your Final Degree Audit for Major and Minor (if applicable). Jury may be required.
	CONSVTY 352 Music History II (Focus Elective)		3	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		2	
	General Elective		3	
Complete 13 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				
	INSTRUMENT 401 Senior Instrument I		4	Take the HEIghten exit exam. Jury may be required.
	INSTRUMENT 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY 305A Chamber Music (or 303C – Percussion only)		1	
	CONSVTY 390 Analysis		3	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		2	
	General Elective		3	
Complete 13 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Spring Semester Year 4: 12 hours				
	INSTRUMENT 402 Senior Instrument II		4	Jury may be required.
	INSTRUMENT 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY 305A Chamber Music (or 303C – Percussion only)		1	
	CONSVTY 331 Orchestration I		2	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		2	
	General 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
120 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

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 BM in Instrumental Studies Performance degree gives students the foundation for a career in professional performance or for graduate study in performance. This degree program is designed for students who are serious about becoming professional soloists, orchestra and band musicians, studio teachers, chamber musicians, recording artists, and other professionals within the business of music. Foundational course work includes core music courses such as history and theory, as well as the practical courses of lessons, chamber music, ensembles, and recitals

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 4 credits 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.

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.