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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.

*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.*

Course Subject and Title	Hrs.	Can be Upper Division	Transfer Course	Minimum Grade if Required	Date Completed	Final Grade	Pre-requisites met	Additional Critical Tracking Notes
<b>Fall Semester Year 1: 14 hours</b>								
First Year Writing—GER A.1.	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foreign Language 110, Elementary I—GER C.1.	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Comm St 110, Fund of Speaking and Listening—GER A.5	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
A&S 100—GER D.	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Spring Semester Year 1: 14 hours</b>								
First-level Math—GER B.1. <or> other GER	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foreign Language 120, Elementary II—GER C.1.	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Constitution—GER F.1a. <or> other GER	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fine Arts—GER F.3a. <or> other GER	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Summer Semester Year 1</b>								
May use summer semester to lighten fall and spring course loads.								
<b>Fall Semester Year 2: 15 hours</b>								
Comm St 220, Modern Communications Media	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foreign Language 211, Second Year I—GER C.1.	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sophomore-level Writing course—GER A.2.	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soc & Behav Science—GER F.1b. <or> other GER	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Phys & Biol Science lecture—GER F.2. <or> other GER	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Spring Semester Year 2: 17 hours</b>								
Humanities—GER F.3b. <or> other GER	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	Take and pass WEPT—GER A.3.
Phys & Biol Science lecture and lab component—GER F.2. <or> other GER	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cultural Perspectives—GER C.2. <or> other GER	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elective hours	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<b>Summer Semester Year 2</b>								
May use summer semester to lighten fall and spring course loads.								
<b>Fall Semester Year 3: 15 hours</b>								
Comm St 303WI, Intro to Journalism—GER A.4.	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	May take internship (Comm St 484) as elective during summer or regular semester.
Comm St 2xx/3xx/4xx, Journ/Mass Comm electives	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Second-level Math—GER B.2. <or> other GER	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soc & Behav Science—GER F.1b. <or> other GER	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elective hours	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Spring Semester Year 3: 15 hours</b>								
Comm St 3xx/4xx, Journ/Mass Comm electives	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	Take the EPP exam.
Comm St 3xx/4xx, Journ/Mass Comm electives	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Philosophy—GER E.2. <or> other GER	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elective hours	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elective hours	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Summer Semester Year 3</b>								
May use summer semester to lighten fall and spring course loads.								
<b>Fall Semester Year 4: 15 hours</b>								
Comm St 3xx/4xx, Journ/Mass Comm electives	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply for graduation.
Comm St 3xx/4xx, Journ/Mass Comm electives	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cluster (in Comm St or other)—GER F.4. <or> other GER	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elective hours	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elective hours	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Spring Semester Year 4: 15 hours</b>								
Comm St 483, Research Seminar in Comm Stds	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Comm St 3xx/4xx, Journ/Mass Comm electives	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Comm St 3xx/4xx, Journ/Mass Comm electives	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	



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Literature—GER E.1. <or> other GER	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective hours	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>

**Non-course requirements** **Met**

- Written English Proficiency Test (WEPT)
- ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exam

The School reserves the right to make changes in courses, degree requirements 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.

**Graduation Requirements Summary:**

Total Hours (120 minimum)	Total Upper-level (300/400) Hours (36 minimum)	Final Consecutive Hours at UMKC (30 hours minimum)	Major GPA (2.0 minimum)	University of Missouri GPA (2.0 minimum)

**All students completing a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science in the College of Arts and Sciences must successfully complete the following requirements in order to graduate:**

Please see this website for a detailed listing of approved courses to fulfill the following General Education Requirements (GER):  
[http://www.umkc.edu/catalog/College\\_of\\_Arts\\_and\\_Sciences\\_General\\_Education\\_Requirements.html#192793](http://www.umkc.edu/catalog/College_of_Arts_and_Sciences_General_Education_Requirements.html#192793)

**A. Communication (12 credit hours)**

1. First Year Writing course
2. Sophomore-level Writing Intensive course
3. Passage of the UMKC Written English Proficiency Test (WEPT), the pre-requisite for any Junior/Senior-level (300/400) Writing Intensive course
4. Junior/Senior-level (300/400) Writing Intensive (WI) course
5. Oral argumentation course

**B. Mathematical, Symbolic and Logical Reasoning (6 credit hours minimum)**

1. First-level Mathematics course or demonstrated competency equivalent to four units (years) of high school math, beginning with Algebra I or higher
2. Second-level Mathematics course requiring extensive use of mathematical, symbolic or logical reasoning

**C. Foreign Language and Culture (16 credit hours)**

1. Three semesters of the same foreign language, required for all B.A. degrees (but not for B.S. degrees, as of Spring 2002)
2. Cultural Perspectives of an interdependent global environment

**D. Computer and Information Technology (3 credit hours)**

Competence equivalent to a programming course or software application course that includes substantial computer experience

**E. Literature and Philosophy (6 credit hours)**

1. Literature course
2. Philosophy course

**F. Distribution Requirements for General Education**

1. Social and Behavioral Sciences (three courses, 9 hours), chosen from at least two different departments:
  - a. Constitution Requirement—One course covering the United States Constitution and the Missouri State Constitution
  - b. Distribution Electives—Two courses from the social and behavioral sciences
2. Physical & Biological Sciences (two courses, 8 hours minimum, including one lab component)
3. Humanities and Fine Arts (two courses, 6 hours):
  - a. Fine Arts course
  - b. Humanities course
4. Interdisciplinary Cluster Course (one course, 3 hours). Every student is required to complete a junior/senior interdisciplinary cluster course.

**A maximum of 3 hours of one-credit activity courses in physical education may be applied toward the 120 total minimum**

**All students completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies (Journalism and Mass Communications Emphasis) must meet the following conditions:**

- The program of study consists of 33 total credit hours.
- Students are expected to work closely with a departmental adviser in designing an undergraduate program of study for their emphasis.
- Only three credit hours within the 33 hours for a major may be taken in one-hour courses.
- Each emphasis requires at least three hours of writing-intensive courses.
- Regardless of the emphasis, students are required to satisfactorily complete the department's core courses. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in their major field.
- A minimum grade of "C-" is required for every course to obtain credit in the program.



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- With prior permission, three hours of elective credit from another department may be accepted as Communication Studies elective credit.
- At least 18 of 33 credit hours must be at the 300- or 400-level.
- Transfer students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours within the department.