

Major Map: Urban Planning and Design B.A.
First-time College Students
Catalog Year: 2013-2014

Four-Year Graduation Plan - Courses and 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. **All incoming freshmen must develop an academic plan (which maps out all courses needed to graduate within your intended major/degree). Your academic advisor is available to meet with you and create your specific plan.**

Your path to graduation may vary slightly 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 of checking prerequisites to any courses. Critical Courses (and Min. Grades as noted below) provide feedback regarding major fit and help indicate the likelihood of successful completion of chosen academic program and degree.

Mathematics: Math 110 or MATH 116, or 200-level MATH/STAT Foreign Language Requirement: Yes Free Elective Hours: 0-5

Critical Course or Benchmark ◆	Course Subject, Number, and Title and Academic Plan Benchmarks Bold = UMKC General Education Core Requirement *Prerequisite May Be Required **Co-Requisite Enrollment Required	Hours	Min. Recommended Grade	Notes
Fall Semester Year 1: 13-15 hours				
◆	**Anchor I: Reasoning and Values – URBAN ST 101: Intro to Urban Studies	3	C-	Foreign Language is required for all B.A. degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences; The foreign language placement exam is highly recommended to ensure placement in the correct level.
	**Discourse I: DISC 100 – Reasoning and Values (Speech and Writing)	3		
	Foreign Language Requirement (110 or higher) – Click for Options	3-5		
	ENV-DSN 203: Survey of the Design Professions	1		
	Focus C- Human Values & Ethical Reasoning – Take one of the following to fulfill MO Constitution Requirement: POL-SCI 210: American Government OR HISTORY 1100: U.S. History to 1877 OR HISTORY 1101: U.S. History since 1877	3		
◆	Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			
Spring Semester Year 1: 14-15 hours				
◆	**Anchor II: Culture and Diversity – Click for Options	3	C-	Math Entrance Exam required prior to enrollment in MATH 110.
	**Discourse II: DISC 200 – Culture and Diversity (Speech and Writing)	3		
	MATH 110: College Algebra (Focus B)	3		MATH 110 satisfies Focus B - Scientific Reasoning & Quantitative Analysis Requirement.
	Foreign Language Requirement (120 or higher) – Click for Options	3-5		
	<i>Free Elective (only take this course if foreign language is taken above and is a 3-credit course instead of 5-credit course)</i>	0-3		ART 112: Foundation Drawing may be taken as Free Elective, if foreign language is taken as 3-credit course.
◆	Complete Discourse I and Anchor I Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree			

	Complete 28 total hours minimum toward degree Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			
Summer Semester Year 1				
				May use summer semester ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall and spring course loads.
Fall Semester Year 2: 16 hours				
◆	ENV-DSN 201: Environmental Design Studio I	4	C-	Take the RooWriter Writing Assessment the semester immediately following Discourse II and at least a semester before registering for a Writing Intensive course. ART 112: Foundation Drawing is recommended to fulfill CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement, if not taken above.
	UPD 203: GIS for Urban Planning	3		
	UPD 260: History of Planning and Urban Design	3		
	Foreign Language Requirement (211 or higher) – Click for Options	3		
	CAS Arts & Humanities – Click for Options	3		
◆	Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			
Spring Semester Year 2: 14-15 hours				
◆	ENV-DSN 202: Environmental Design Studio II	4	C-	Math Entrance Exam required prior to enrollment in STAT 235.
	UPD 280: Land Use Planning	3		
	STAT 235: Elementary Statistics (Focus Elective) OR CJC 363/SOCIOL 363: Introduction to Statistics in Sociology/Criminal Justice	3		
	CAS Science & Math Requirement – Must take Lab Science to fulfill Laboratory requirement	4-5		
◆	Complete Discourse II and Anchor II Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree Complete 60 total hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			
Summer Semester Year 2				
				May use summer semester ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall and spring course loads.
◆	Complete Foreign Language Requirement (211 or higher)			
Fall Semester Year 3: 16 hours				
◆	Discourse III: Civic and Community Engagement	3		
	Anchor III: Civic and Community Engagement – Click for Options	3		
◆	UPD 310: Planning & Design Studio I	4		
	UPD 300: Quantitative Planning Methods	3		
	ECON 201: Introduction to Economics I OR ECON 202: Introduction to Economics II (CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement)	3		
◆	Complete RooWriter Writing Assessment Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA			

	Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			
Spring Semester Year 3: 16 hours				
◆	UPD 312: Planning & Design Studio II	4	C-	
	UPD 320: Planning Theory and Practice	3		
	UPD 3XX/4XX: Urban Planning Elective I – Click for Options	3		
	Focus Elective - Click for Options (if not fulfilled above) OR CAS Science & Math Requirement - Click for Options	3		
	Focus A – Arts & Humanities – Click for Options	3		
Summer Semester Year 3				
				Students are encouraged to use summer semester to complete UPD 490: Urban Planning Internship
Fall Semester Year 4: 14-17 hours				
◆	UPD 410: Planning & Design Studio III	4	C-	Apply for graduation and complete Final Degree Audits for the following: UMKC General Education Core, CAS Degree Requirements, Major Requirements, and/or Minor Requirements. Take the ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exit exam.
	UPD 411: Professional Practice I	1		
	UPD 432: Urban Environmental Planning and Design	3		
	UPD 3XX/4XX: Urban Planning Elective II – Click for Options	3		
	3XX/4XX: Urban Social Science Elective – Click for Options (CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement) OR UPD 490: Urban Planning Internship	3		
Spring Semester Year 4: 12-18 hours				
◆	UPD 412WI: Planning & Design Studio IV (CAS Writing Intensive Requirement)	5	C-	In combination with required upper-level courses, take enough Free Elective hours at the 300/400-level to meet the minimum requirement of 36 upper-level credit hours.
	UPD 413: Professional Practice II	1		
	UPD 450: Planning Law and Practice	3		
	UPD 490: Urban Planning Internship OR 3XX/4XX: Urban Social Science Elective – Click for Options (CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement) (if not already fulfilled above)	0-3		
	CAS Arts & Humanities – Click for Options	3		
	CAS Science & Math Requirement (if not fulfilled above) – Click for Options	0-3		

Non-course requirements

RooWriter Writing Assessment
ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exam

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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)	Totals Hrs at UMKC (30 hours minimum)	Upper-level Hours (36 minimum)	Major GPA (2.0 Minimum)	UMKC GPA
120	52	52	2.5	2.0

All students completing an undergraduate education degree must meet the following conditions in order to graduate and be recommended for graduation or certification:

- Complete 120 semester hours of credits
- Earn 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- Earn 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA in major
- Complete all required general education courses
- Complete all required urban planning major courses and two urban planning elective courses plus a urban social science course
- Complete 240 hours of professional internship

Program Description

Urban Planning is a profession that improves the welfare of people and their communities by creating more livable places for present and future generations. Our four year studio-based Urban Planning program trains students to be innovative planning professionals with an emphasis on urban design. Students study the physical form of urban space, human movement through space and the dynamic forces that produce the places in which we live. Also, students are engaged in communities and gain hand-on experience to prepare their professional careers in Urban Planning through studio projects. UMKC is located at the heart of the metro area, just walking distance from the world renowned Country Club Plaza. Our location provides immediate access to an urban laboratory for the study of issues that are common to cities throughout the nation. The Urban Planning faculty at UMKC includes scholars who conduct original research as well as engaged professionals who work on many of the most pressing issues in the field.

Admission Requirements

High School GPA: 2.5 or Above
ACT Required

Career Opportunities

Graduates with a BA in Urban Planning + Design from UMKC have a portfolio of projects as well as a professional internship experience that make them highly competitive for entry level urban planning jobs in the public, private and non-profit sectors. Graduates of our program work in urban planning, public policy, community development, graphic design and urban design positions in Kansas City and in major metropolitan areas across the country. More information about careers in urban planning may be found on the American Planning Association's website at www.planning.org.

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