

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 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	MATH 110 or MATH 116, or 200-level MATH/STAT	Foreign Language Requirement	Yes	Free Elective Hours	22-34
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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	Min Recom Grade	Credit Hours (CH)	Notes
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Fall Semester Year 1: 15 hours

	<b>**Anchor I: Reasoning and Values</b> - <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	Foreign Language is required for all B.A. degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences; The <a href="#">foreign language placement exam</a> is highly recommended to ensure placement in the correct level.  The History Department recommends the Social Science option for the Anchor I course.
	<b>**DISC 100: Reasoning and Values</b> (Speech and Writing)		3	
	Foreign Language Requirement (110 or higher) – <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	<b>Focus A: Arts and Humanities:</b> HISTORY 206: World History to 1450 OR HISTORY 201: European History to 1450	C-	3	
	Free Elective		3	
	Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required) Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			



Spring Semester Year 1: 15 hours

	<b>**Anchor II: Culture and Diversity</b> <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	The History Department recommends the Social Science option for the Anchor II course.  <a href="#">ALEKS Math Placement Exam</a> is required prior to enrollment in MATH 110 and some 200-level MATH/STATS courses.  If ALEKS places student in MATH 100: Intermediate Algebra, student may complete Math requirement in the first summer.  MATH 110 & MATH 116 satisfy <b>Focus B: Scientific Reasoning &amp; Quantitative Analysis Requirement.</b>
	<b>**DISC 200: Culture and Diversity</b> (Speech and Writing)		3	
	MATH 110: College Algebra ( <b>Focus B</b> ) OR MATH 116: Math for Liberal Arts ( <b>Focus B</b> ) OR *MATH/STAT 200+ – <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	Foreign Language Requirement (120 or higher)		3	
	HISTORY 208: World History Since 1450 ( <b>Focus Elective</b> ) OR HISTORY 202: European History since 1450 ( <b>Focus Elective</b> )		3	
	Complete Anchor I and DISC 100 Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required) Complete 30 total hours minimum toward degree Complete Math requirement (110, 116, or 200-level MATH/STAT course) Complete at least one Foreign Language course (110 or higher) Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			



Summer Semester Year 1: 0 hours if all previous courses completed

				May use summer semester ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall and spring course loads.
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**Fall Semester Year 2: 15 hours**

	History 3XX: Upper-level History elective	C-	3	HISTORY 101 or 102 fulfill <b>Focus C: Human Actions, Values, and Ethics</b> as well as the Missouri Constitution requirement.  Take the <b>RooWriter Writing Assessment</b> the semester immediately following DISC 200 and at least a semester before registering for a Writing Intensive course.
	Foreign Language Requirement (211 or higher)		3	
	<b>Focus C: Human Actions, Values, and Ethics</b> <a href="#">Click for options</a> (May choose Course to also fulfill MO Constitution Requirement)		3	
	CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement - <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement - <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required) Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			


**Spring Semester Year 2: 16-17 hours**


	CAS Science & Math Requirement – Must take Lab Science to fulfill Laboratory requirement		4-5	HISTORY 101 or 102 fulfill <b>Focus C: Human Actions, Values, and Ethics</b> as well as the Missouri Constitution requirement.  The History department recommends a History option for <b>Focus C</b> courses.
	CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement - <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	Missouri Constitution course (if not fulfilled by above) – <a href="#">Click for options</a> OR other CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement – <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	<b>Focus B</b> - (if not fulfilled above) – <a href="#">Click for options</a> OR Free Elective		3	
	Free Elective		3	
	Complete Anchor II and DISC 200 Complete Foreign Language Requirement (211 or higher) Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required) Complete 60 total hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			

**Summer Semester Year 2: 0 hours if all previous courses completed**

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**Fall Semester Year 3: 15 hours**

	<b>**Anchor III: Civic and Community Engagement</b> <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	Must take the <b>RooWriter Assessment</b> prior to registration in History 301WI, a prerequisite for History 498WI.
	<b>**DISC 300: Civic and Community Engagement</b> (Speech and Writing)		3	
	HISTORY 301WI: Historiography and Method (CAS Writing Intensive Requirement)		3	Concurrent enrollment in History 301WI and 498WI is not allowed.
	HISTORY 3XX/4XX: Upper-Level History Non-western Elective		3	
	Free Elective		3	The History Department recommends a History option for the Anchor III course as these classes may count toward the
	Complete RooWriter Writing Assessment			

	Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required) Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			major.

**Spring Semester Year 3: 15 hours**

	HISTORY 3XX/4XX: Upper-Level History Concentration Elective – <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	At least one junior/senior history course must be a non-western course.
	HISTORY 3XX/4XX: Upper-Level History Non-Concentration Elective		3	
	HISTORY 3XX/4XX: Upper-Level History Non-Concentration Elective		3	
	CAS Science & Math Requirement - <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	Free Elective		3	


	Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required) Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA		

**Summer Semester Year 3: 0-3 hours**

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**Fall Semester Year 4: 15 hours**

	HISTORY 3XX/4XX: Upper-Level History Concentration Elective – <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	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.
	HISTORY 3XX/4XX: Upper-Level History Concentration Elective – <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	HISTORY 3XX/4XX: Upper-Level History Non-Concentration Elective		3	
	Free Elective		3	
	Free Elective		3	

	Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required) Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA		

**Spring Semester Year 4: 13-16 hours**

	HISTORY 498WI: Senior Capstone Seminar	C-	3	Complete faculty approved portfolio  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.
	HISTORY 3XX/4XX: Upper-Level History Concentration Elective – <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	Free Elective		3	
	Free Elective		3	
	<i>Free Elective (only take these credits if needed to reach 120 minimum hours)</i>		0-3	

	Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required) Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA		

**Graduation Requirements Summary**

Total Hours (120 minimum)	Total Hours at UMKC (30 hours min)	Major GPA	UMKC GPA
120	30	2.0	2.0

### Other Information and Policy

**Non-course requirements**

**Met**

- RooWriter Writing Assessment
- ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exam
- Portfolio

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.

A minimum of 36 upper-level hours required for graduation.

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

- < History Department requires a total of 36 hours of history course: HISTORY 206 and HISTORY 208 – 6 hours; History 301WI and History 498WI Senior Capstone – 6 hours; In Concentration Junior/Senior course work – 12hours; Out of Concentration Junior/Senior course work – 12 hours. At least 3 hours of Plan of Study must be non-western Junior/Senior course work.
- < Department requires completion of History 206 and 208 with a minimum grade of C- in each course as a prerequisite to enrollment in required History 301WI and History 498WI.
- < Department requires completion of History 301WI and History 498WI with a minimum of C- in each course.
- < Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 in major course work
- < Students must complete the History Portfolio.
- < Meet with department advisor to discuss history major plan of study.

### Career Opportunities

“What can I possibly do with a history major?” A common misconception is that the *only* thing available after graduation is to teach history. That is a possible path, but certainly not your only option. Among the many jobs you can consider are: advertising, analyst, archivist, broadcaster, campaign worker, consultant, congressional aide, editor, foreign service, foundation staffer, information specialist, intelligence, journalist, legal assistant, lobbyist, personnel manager, public relations. . . the list is almost endless.

More specifically, with your degree in history you can work as an **educator** (primary, secondary or post-secondary schools, historic sites and museums); as a **researcher** (museums, think tanks, cultural resources management, preservation); as a **communicator** (writers, archivists, librarians); as an **advocate** (lawyers, legislative staff, foundations.); and in **business** (contract historians, non-profits, corporation staff).

UMKC Career Services Resources: <http://www.career.umkc.edu/?q=node/87>

O\*Net OnLine: <http://www.onetonline.org/find/>

### Advising Contact Information

College of Arts and Sciences Advising  
 09 Schofield Hall (Basement)  
 816.235.1148

<http://cas.umkc.edu/advising/default.asp>

## Program Description

The undergraduate history program at UMKC offers majors the opportunity both to explore a wide range of historical fields and to develop expertise in a particular area of study. Courses are generally divided into three categories: 1) broad surveys, 2) specialized lecture courses, and 3) seminars. Writing is emphasized in virtually all history courses, even at the survey level, and research is integrated into many of them. Because writing, analysis, oral presentation, argumentation, and critical thinking form the essence of historical study and debate, the history major prepares students for careers in a variety of fields: law, journalism, teaching, business, public service, library sciences, museums and archives, international work, historical research, and many more. Because historical study highlights the variety and complexity of the human experience and fosters an appreciation for long-term processes of change, the history major also prepares students to be responsible and thoughtful citizens of the world.

The history department faculty members have developed a set of carefully crafted learning objectives. Simply put, we expect history majors to acquire specified levels of knowledge, perspectives, and skills through the study of the past. The learning objectives are designed to help you succeed in your undergraduate history major, as independent, creative, and self-directed learners. More important, they will help you to be successful in your pursuit of a career and to hold a life-long appreciation for the humanities and social sciences.