

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	Varies	Foreign Language Requirement	No	Free Elective Hours	13
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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

	**Anchor I: Reasoning and Values Click for options		3	Suggest TCH-ED 150: Introduction to Urban Education Field Experience for the elective option. Students will need to complete a background check.
	**DISC 100: Reasoning and Values (Speech and Writing)	B	3	
	Focus A: Arts and Humanities		3	
	Focus C: Human Actions, Values, and Ethics		3	
	Elective	B	3	
	Complete 12 term hours minimum toward graduation Earn 3.00 minimum cumulative GPA Earn a B or higher in all ENGLISH, TCH-ED, and EDUC courses			Suggest HISTORY 206 or 208 for Focus A: Arts and Humanities and HISTORY 101 or 102 for Focus C: Human Actions, Values, and Ethics . These classes can help prepare student for the MoGEA.

Spring Semester Year 1: 15- 17 hours

	**Anchor II: Culture and Diversity Click for options		3	MATH 110, 120, or 210 suggested for Focus B: Scientific Reasoning and Quantitative Analysis . ALEKS Math Placement Exam or college credit with a grade of C- or higher in pre-requisite required prior to enrollment in MATH 110, 120, or 210. Suggest a science course for
	**DISC 200: Culture and Diversity (Speech and Writing)	B	3	
	Focus B: Scientific Reasoning and Quantitative Analysis		3	
	Focus Elective		3	
	Elective		3	
	Complete Anchor I and DISC 100 Complete 30 total hours toward degree Earn a cumulative GPA of a 3.00 or higher			

Earn a B or higher in all ENGLISH, TCH-ED, and EDUC courses

Focus Elective. These classes can help prepare students for the MoGEA.

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

Fall Semester Year 2: 13 hours

	**Anchor III: Civic and Community Engagement Click for options		3
	**DISC 300: Civic and Community Engagement (Speech and Writing)	B	3
	Choose one from: ENGLISH 311 American Literature I ENGLISH 321 American Literature II	B	3
	EDUC 440 Literature for Adolescence	B	3
	Elective		1

Earn a B or higher in all ENGLISH, TCH-ED, and EDUC courses

Spring Semester Year 2: 12 hours

	Choose one from: ENGLISH 311 American Literature I ENGLISH 321 American Literature II	B	3
	ENGLISH Elective	B	3
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Suggest the following classes for English Elective: ENGLISH 250, 317, 327, 320, 301WI, or EDUC 414.

Complete the [RooWriter Writing Assessment](#).

Complete Anchor II and DISC 200
Complete the Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA)
Complete the RooWriter Assessment
Complete 60 hours toward degree
Earn a cumulative GPA of a 3.00 or higher
Earn a B or higher in all ENGLISH, TCH-ED, and EDUC courses

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

Fall Semester Year 3: 12 hours

	ENGLISH Elective	B	3
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	TCH-ED 385 Teaching and Learning with Technology	B	3
	TCH-ED 403 Educational Psychology	B	3

Suggest the following classes for English Elective: ENGLISH 250, 317, 327, 320, 301WI, or EDUC 414.

Required to complete a background check along with applying for substitute teaching license.

Apply to the Teacher Education Program
Complete the Content Assessment

Earn a B or higher in all ENGLISH, TCH-ED, and EDUC courses

Spring Semester Year 3: 12 hours

ENGLISH Elective	B	3	Complete interview for Teacher Education program. All tests need to be complete prior to admission into the program.
ENGLISH Elective	B	3	
TCH-ED 404 Education of the Exceptional Child	B	3	
TCH-ED 420 Adolescent Development	B	3	



Earn a cumulative GPA of a 3.00 or higher
Earn a B or higher in all ENGLISH, TCH-ED, and EDUC courses

Summer Semester Year 3: 13 hours

TCH-ED 430 Gateway to Teaching	B	3
EDUC 428 Cultural Diversity in American Education	B	3
EDRD 439 Content Reading and Language Development	B	3
TCH-ED 408WI Advanced Foundations	B	3
TCH-ED 422 Practicum I	B	1



Earn a cumulative GPA of a 3.00 or higher
Earn a B or higher in all ENGLISH, TCH-ED, and EDUC courses

Fall Semester Year 4: 16 hours

TCH-ED 416 Reading II	B	4	Apply for graduation
TCH-ED 423 Practicum II	B	2	Apply for certification
TCH-ED 432 Special Methods Of Teaching English To Middle School And High School Students	B	3	
TCH-ED 438 Culturally Responsive Strategies	B	3	
TCH-ED 460 Middle School Curriculum	B	2	
TCH-ED 462 Middle School Principles and Organization	B	2	



Earn a cumulative GPA of a 3.00 or higher
Earn a B or higher in all ENGLISH, TCH-ED, and EDUC courses

Spring Semester Year 4: 12 hours

TCH-ED 461 Student Teaching In Middle School	B	10
TCH-ED 494 Language Arts Capstone	B	2

Graduation Requirements Summary

Total Hours (120 minimum)	Total Hours at UMKC (30 hours min)	Major GPA	UMKC GPA
120	See advisor	3.00; 3.00 prof/content	3.00

Program Description

The School of Education, organized officially as a separate academic division in 1954, was the result of the University of Kansas City's involvement in professional education since 1940. At that early date the University was offering an M.A. in education, heavily liberal-arts laden, with most classes conducted in the summer and evenings. An undergraduate major in

elementary education was established in 1952, and the first University of Kansas City doctoral program, the Ph.D. in education, was inaugurated with the organizing of the school in 1954. Since 1954, the school has grown to include three disciplinary divisions with 19 programs, offering bachelor of arts, master of arts, educational specialist, education doctorate and doctor of philosophy degree programs. Several degree and certification programs are offered in cooperation with the School of Biological Sciences, the Conservatory of Music and the College of Arts and Sciences. The mission of the School of Education is to recruit, prepare and support outstanding teachers, mental health professionals and administrators who will create lifelong opportunities through education for America's diverse urban communities. This mission is centered on six key values which embody the knowledge, skills and dispositions expected of our candidates across the School of Education. The goals defined by individual programs are more specific subsets of these broader goals:

- < Academic excellence.
- < Strategic innovation.
- < Inquiry leading to reflective decision making and problem solving.
- < Skilled and knowledgeable professionals working collaboratively.
- < Democracy, diversity and social justice.
- < Caring and safe environments.

Admission Requirements

- Admission to UMKC (<http://umkc.edu/admission>)
- Completed the majority of specific pre-education and subject area course work prior to start of the professional education semesters;
- Attained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00;
- Attained a subject-area grade point average of at least 3.00 (middle school, secondary, and K-12);
- Submitted acceptable results from an Missouri FBI background check;
- Passed the Missouri General Education Assessment, Content Assessment and Pedagogical Assessment;
- Completed the application for the School of Education for Bachelor's degree seekers:
- Submitted a score from the ACT or SAT; (if graduated from High School in past 5 years)
- Pass RooWriter Exam before taking the required writing intensive course.

Instructions are available at the School of Education web site: <http://education.umkc.edu/teapp>

Career Opportunities

To learn more about career opportunities for Education majors please visit these links:

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

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

Advising Contact Information

Questions? Call the School of Education Student Services office at 816-235-2234 or e-mail education@umkc.edu. Those with speech or hearing impairments may use Relay Missouri, 1-800-735-2966 (TT) or 1-800-735-2466 (voice). UMKC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

Policy and Other Information

Non-course requirements

RooWriter
 Teacher Education Application
 Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA)
 Substitute Certification
 Background Check
 Pedagogical Assessment
 Content Assessment
 Disposition Assessment

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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.