

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	15-26
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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: 15-16 hours

	<b>**Anchor I: Reasoning and Values</b> <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	The <a href="#">ALEKS Math Placement Exam</a> is required prior to enrollment in MATH 110 and some 200-level MATH/STATS courses.  ECON 201 or 202 satisfies the <b>Focus B: Scientific Reasoning and Quantitative Analysis</b> requirement.
	<b>**DISC 100: Reasoning and Values</b> (Speech and Writing)		3	
	ECON 201: Introduction to Economics I ( <b>Focus B</b> ) OR ECON 202: Introduction to Economics II ( <b>Focus B</b> )		3	
	MATH 110: College Algebra ( <b>Focus Elective</b> ) OR *MATH 206: Brief Calculus or Matrix Algebra OR *MATH 210: Calculus I ( <b>Focus Elective</b> )		3-4	
	<b>Focus A: Arts and Humanities</b> <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			


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	<b>**Anchor II: Culture and Diversity</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.  MATH 206 or 210 counts towards CAS Science & Math Requirement
	<b>**DISC 200: Culture and Diversity</b> (Speech and Writing)		3	
	*MATH 206: Brief Calculus or Matrix Algebra OR *MATH 210: Calculus I (recommended) (CAS Science & Math Requirement)		3-4	
	Foreign Language Requirement (110 or higher) – <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3	
	ECON 201: Introduction to Economics I ( <b>Focus Elective</b> ) OR ECON 202: Introduction to Economics II ( <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 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

	ECON 301: Macroeconomic Analysis OR ECON 302: Microeconomic Analysis		3	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 (120 or higher)		3	
	STAT 235: Elementary Statistics (required for major) OR MATH 210: Calculus I		3-4	
	CAS Arts & Humanities 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
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Spring Semester Year 2: 15 hours

	ECON 301: Macroeconomic Analysis OR ECON 302: Microeconomic Analysis		3
	Foreign Language Requirement (211 or higher)		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
	STAT 235: Elementary Statistics (if not taken above) 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
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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
	<b>**DISC 300: Civic and Community Engagement</b> (Speech and Writing)		3
	ECON 425: Intermediate Economic Statistics		3
	ECON 3XX/4XX: Economics Elective – <a href="#">Click for options</a>		3
	<b>Focus C</b> - (if not fulfilled above) – <a href="#">Click for options</a> OR Free Elective		3

	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
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**Spring Semester Year 3: 15 hours**

ECON 3XX/4XX: Economics Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Money and Finance Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Political Economy Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Urban Economic Development Elective	3
ECON 451: Institutional Economic Theory OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Economics Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Money and Finance Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Political Economy Track Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Urban Economic Development Elective – <a href="#">Click for options</a>	3
CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement - <a href="#">Click for options</a>	3
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Free Elective	3


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**Summer Semester Year 3: 0 hours if all previous courses completed**

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**Fall Semester Year 4: 13-17 hours**


ECON 451: Institutional Economic Theory OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Economics Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Money and Finance Elective ECON 3XX/4XX: Political Economy Elective ECON 3XX/4XX: Urban Economic Develop. 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.
ECON 3XX/4XX: Economics Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Money and Finance Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Political Economy Track Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Urban Economic Development Elective	3	
CAS Science & Math Requirement – Must take Lab Science to fulfill Laboratory requirement	4-5	
Free Elective	3	
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**Spring Semester Year 4: 12-14 hours**

3XX/4XX Writing Intensive Course (CAS Writing Intensive Requirement)	3	In combination with required upper-level courses, take enough
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ECON 3XX/4XX: Economics Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Money and Finance Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Political Economy Elective OR ECON 3XX/4XX: Urban Economic Development Elective		3	Free Elective hours at the 300/400-level to meet the minimum requirement of 36 upper-level credit hours.
ECON 3XX/4XX: Economics Elective		3	
<i>Free Elective (only take these credits if needed to reach 120 minimum hours)</i>		3-5	

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**Graduation Requirements Summary**

Total Hours (120 minimum)	Total Hours at UMKC (30 hours min)	Major GPA	UMKC GPA
120	30	2.00	2.00

**Policy and Other Information**

**Non-course requirements** **Met**  
 RooWriter Writing Assessment  
 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.

**Program Description**

The Department of Economics is committed to promoting excellence in broad-based undergraduate programs; graduate and interdisciplinary doctoral education; research; and community, university and professional service. The department focuses its research, teaching and service efforts on the urban mission of the University by fostering a diversity of research and teaching perspectives for faculty and students.

The department offers programs leading to a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Interdisciplinary Ph.D., in Economics. We are dedicated to offering our courses so that our degrees can be completed either through day or evening classes. It also provides undergraduate service courses to the College of Arts and Sciences, the Bloch School, and the School of Computing and Engineering. Undergraduate majors participate in a variety of visiting lecture programs and faculty colloquialism through the Economics Club and the Omicron Delta Epsilon (the economics honorary society). We have several economics scholarships available to those who have completed at least 60 hours towards their degree and are in good academic standing.

The B.A. program requires a minimum of 36 hours of courses in the department. A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major is required for graduation. Students may choose among several tracks that are available: The general track gives the student a wide variety of choices of courses and he/she will be exposed to a myriad of ideas, theories and important economic issues. Students may focus their studies in one of three distinct tracks within the major. The Urban Economic Development track provides a high value-added program option that focuses on urban and regional economic issues. The Money & Finance track enhances the student's knowledge and exposure to issues related to money, finance, banking and related fields. The

Political Economy track provides opportunities for students to study issues related to politics and economics. Each of these tracks will prepare students for positions in business, government, law and other related fields.

### Admission Requirements

We admit students who are incoming freshman and have met the university requirements. We also admit transfer students with or without an associate's degree.

### Career Opportunities

Because an Economics course of study involves critical thinking and problem-solving skills, graduates from our program are much in demand by businesses, both private and public. Our undergraduate degree recipients have worked in local banks, investment firms, local non-profits, government organizations and many other private and public institutions. An Economics degree also allows you to be flexible in your choice of graduate and professional career paths. Our internship program will help launch our students into their careers.

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

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

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