

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	6-46
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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	Foreign Language is required for the B.L.A. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences; The foreign language placement exam is highly recommended to ensure placement in the correct level. POL-SCI 210, HISTORY 101 or 102 fulfill Focus C: Human Actions, Values, and Ethics as well as the Constitution requirement Completion of a minor or an MDHE-approved emphasis (like Black Studies) is required for the B.L.A.
	**DISC 100: Reasoning and Values (Speech and Writing)	B	3	
	Foreign Language Requirement (110 or higher) – Click for options		3	
	Focus C- Human Values & Ethical Reasoning – Click for options (May choose Focus C Course to also fulfill MO Constitution Requirement)		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


	**Anchor II: Culture and Diversity Click for options		3	ALEKS Math Placement Exam 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 Focus B: Scientific Reasoning & Quantitative Analysis Requirement.
	**DISC 200: Culture and Diversity (Speech and Writing)		3	
	MATH 110: College Algebra (Focus B) OR MATH 116: Math for Liberal Arts (Focus B) OR *MATH/STAT 200+ – Click for options	C-	3	
	Foreign Language Requirement (120 or higher)		3	
	Free Elective		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 Maintain minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA
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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: 16-17 hours

 1XX/2XX/3XX course in Minor program of study	B	3	Take the RooWriter Writing Assessment 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	
CAS Science & Math Requirement – Must take Lab Science to fulfill Laboratory requirement		4-5	
CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement - Click for options		3	
Focus A: Arts and Humanities Click for options		3	

 Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required) Complete RooWriter Writing Assessment Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Maintain minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA
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Spring Semester Year 2: 15 hours

 2XX/3XX/4XX course in Minor program of study	B	3	Completion of a minor or an MDHE-approved emphasis (like Black Studies) is required for the B.L.A.
Focus Elective Click for options		3	
Missouri Constitution course (if not fulfilled above – Click for options) or Free Elective		3	
CAS Science & Math Requirement – Click for options		3	
CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement – Click for options		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 Maintain 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


**Anchor III: Civic and Community Engagement Click for options		3
**DISC 300: Civic and Community Engagement (Speech and Writing)		3
2XX/3XX/4XX course in Minor program of study		3

	CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement – Click for options		3
	Focus B - (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Free Elective		3

	Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required) Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Maintain minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA
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Spring Semester Year 3: 15 hours

	2XX/3XX/4XX course in Minor program of study		3	<p>The Humanities distribution (of 18 minimum hours) for the B.L.A. will be fulfilled at minimum by the following: DISC 100/200/300 (9 hrs), Foreign Language (3 hrs min), Focus A (3 hrs), and CAS Arts & Humanities (6 hrs).</p> <p>At least 18 hours must be earned from each division (Humanities, Natural Sciences/Math, or Social Sciences).</p> <p>However, no more than 60 hours from any one division may be applied toward the B.L.A. degree. Additionally, coursework must be taken from at least two departments in each division.</p>
	CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement - Click for options		3	
	Elective credits in Natural Sciences/Math to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Elective Credits in Social Sciences to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Free Elective		3	
	Elective credits in Natural Sciences/Math to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Elective Credits in Social Sciences to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Free Elective		3	

	Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required) Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Maintain minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA
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Summer Semester Year 3: 0 hours if previous courses completed

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Fall Semester Year 4: 15 hours


	2XX/3XX/4XX course in Minor program of study		3	<p>Apply for graduation and complete Final Degree Audits for the following: UMKC General Education Core, CAS Degree Requirements, Major Requirements, and/or Minor Requirements.</p>
	Elective credits in Natural Sciences/Math to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Elective Credits in Social Sciences to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Free Elective		3	
	Elective credits in Natural Sciences/Math to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Elective Credits in Social Sciences to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Free Elective		3	<p>Take the ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exit exam.</p>
	Elective credits in Natural Sciences/Math to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Elective Credits in Social Sciences to fulfill 18 hour minimum		3	

	distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Free Elective		
	Elective Credits in Natural Sciences/Math to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Elective Credits in Social Sciences to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Free Elective		3

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Spring Semester Year 4: 13-16 hours

	2XX/3XX/4XX course in Minor program of study		3	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. It is recommended that students take a Writing Intensive course in the Minor program of study (or emphasis), if available.
	2XX/3XX/4XX course in Minor program of study (if not already fulfilled above) or Free Elective		3	
	3XX/4XX: Writing Intensive Course (CAS Writing Intensive Requirement)		3	
	Elective credits in Natural Sciences/Math to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Elective Credits in Social Sciences to fulfill 18 hour minimum distribution for BLA (if not fulfilled above) – Click for options OR Free Elective		4	
	<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 Maintain minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA
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Graduation Requirements Summary

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

Other Information and Policy

Non-course requirements RooWriter Writing Assessment ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exam	Met
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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.

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

Advising Contact Information

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Career Opportunities

UMKC Career Services Resources: <http://www.career.umkc.edu/?q=node/87>
O*Net OnLine: <http://www.onetonline.org/find/>