

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: College Algebra	Foreign Language Requirement	None	Free Elective Hours	12 hours
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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 credit hours

	<b>**Anchor I: Reasoning and Values</b> <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</a>		3	ALEKS Math Placement Exam or college credit with a grade of B- or higher in prerequisite required prior to enrollment in MATH 110. <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/mathplacement/">www.umkc.edu/mathplacement/</a>
	<b>**DISC 100: Reasoning and Values</b> (Speech and Writing)		3	
	MATH 110: College Algebra or higher <b>Focus B: Scientific Reasoning and Quantitative Analysis</b>		3	
◆	LS-MCRB 112: Microbiology and Living		3	
	BIOLOGY 102: Biology And Living		3	

◆ Complete 15 term credit hours.  
Earn a minimum 2.5 overall and college science GPA.

Spring Semester Year 1: 14 credit hours

	<b>**Anchor II: Culture and Diversity</b> <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</a>		3
	<b>**DISC 200: Culture and Diversity</b> (Speech and Writing)		3
	<b>Focus C: Human Actions, Values, and Ethics</b> Must choose from POL-SCI 210, HISTORY 101, or HISTORY 102*		3
◆	<b>Focus Elective</b> CHEM 211: General Chemistry I** CHEM 211L: Experimental General Chemistry I**		5

◆ \*These courses also satisfy the Missouri Constitution Requirement.  
Complete 14 term credit hours.  
Maintain a minimum 2.5 overall and college science GPA.

Fall Semester Year 2: 15 credit hours

	<b>Focus A: Arts and Humanities</b> <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</a>		3	Complete RooWriter Assessment. <a href="https://net3.umkc.edu/intapps/RooWriter/logon.aspx">https://net3.umkc.edu/intapps/RooWriter/logon.aspx</a>
◆	*LS-ANATO 118: Introductory Anatomy		3	
◆	PSYCH 210: General Psychology		3	
	Elective		3	
	Elective		3	

◆ Complete 15 term credit hours.  
 Maintain a minimum 2.5 overall and college science GPA.

Spring Semester Year 2: 15 credit hours

◆	LS-PHYS 117: Human Physiology		3	Formal applications for admission to the dental hygiene program must be submitted no later than Feb. 1 of the year that the student desires admission.
◆	COMM-ST 110: Fundamentals Of Effective Speaking And Listening		3	
◆	SOCIOL 101: Sociology: An Introduction		3	
	Elective		3	
	Elective		3	

◆ Complete 15 term credit hours.  
 Maintain a minimum 2.5 overall and college science GPA.

Fall Semester Year 3: 18 credit hours

	BMS 9701: Clinical Anatomy Of Head And Neck		2
	DENT-HYG 3000: Dental Morphology And Occlusion		2
	DENT-HYG 3020: Dental Radiology		2
	DENT-HYG 3080: Introduction To The Preventive Practice Of Dental Hygiene		4
	DENT-HYG 3080L: Pre-clinical Dental Hygiene		2
	DENT-HYG 3320: Oral Health Behavior Change		3
	LS-PHYS 3070: Oral Physiology		3

◆ Complete 18 term credit hours.  
 Maintain a minimum 2.5 overall GPA.

Spring Semester Year 3: 18.5 credit hours

	DENT-HYG 3030: Intro to Histopathology of Oral Tissues		2
	DENT-HYG 3200: Pathology		2
	DENT-HYG 3210: Applied Biochemistry		2
	DENT-HYG 3220: Dental Biomaterials		2
	DENT-HYG 3280C: Dental Hygiene Clinic I		3
	DENT-HYG 3285: Seminar In Dental Hygiene I		2
	DENT-HYG 3260: Principles of Periodontics		3
	DENT-HYG 3300: Radiographic Interpretation		.5

DENT-HYG 3340: Principles of Public Health	2
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Complete 18.5 term credit hours.  
Maintain a minimum 2.5 overall GPA.

**Summer Year 3: 6 credit hours**

DENT-HYG 4020: Local Anesthesia	3
DENT-HYG 4060C: Dental Hygiene Clinic II	2
DENT-HYG 4065: Seminar in Dental Hygiene II	1

Complete 6 term credit hours.  
Maintain a minimum 2.5 overall GPA.

**Fall Semester Year 4: 20 credit hours**

<b>**Anchor III: Civic and Community Engagement / DENT-HYG 4220</b>	3
<b>**DISC 300: Civic and Community Engagement (Speech and Writing) / DENT-HYG 4120</b>	3
DENT-HYG 4100: Pharmacology	3
DENT-HYG 4120C: Dental Hygiene Clinic III	4
DENT-HYG 4400: Nutrition & Oral Health	3
DENT-HYG 4050: Periodontics II	2
DENT-HYG 4080: Intro. To Research Design	2

Complete 18 term credit hours.  
Maintain a minimum 2.5 overall GPA.

**Spring Semester Year 4: 12-14 credits**

DENT-HYG 4210: Practice Management	3
DENT-HYG 4240: Ethics & Jurisprudence	1
DENT-HYG 4260: Senior Seminar	2
DENT-HYG 4260C: Dental Hygiene Clinice IV	4
Elective (Select One): DENT-HYG 4320, DENT-HYG 4330, DENT-HYG 4340, DENT-HYG 4350, DENT-HYG 4380, or DENT-HYG 4660 (2 - 3 credit hours)	2

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Complete 14-16 term credit hours.  
Maintain a minimum 2.5 overall GPA.

**Graduation Requirements Summary**

<b>Total Degree Credit Hours</b>	<b>Upper Level (3xx/4xx) Hour Requirement</b>	<b>Minimum Hour / Residency Req.</b>
124	36	30
<b>Major GPA</b>	<b>UM GPA</b>	<b>Other GPA Requirements</b>
2.5	2.5	Other

## Admission to the Clinical Entry Level Program

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- Graduation from an accredited high school or its equivalent.
- Satisfactory completion of approximately two academic years or 60 semester hours of college. (The 60 semester hours must satisfy the general education requirements, which are specified later in this section. All general education requirements must be completed prior to entrance into the dental hygiene program.
- Application to UMKC.
- Supplemental application for admission to the Division of Dental Hygiene.
- College transcripts of all college coursework.
- A cumulative college GPA of at least 2.5.
- A college science GPA of at least 2.5.
- Three evaluation and reference forms.
- Personal interview with at least two members of the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee (interviews will be scheduled after February).
- For international applicants, a satisfactory TOEFL score (at least 550 on the paper test or 213 on the computer-based version).

### Notification of Admission

Applications for admission are reviewed by the School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Student Admissions Committee. After a decision is reached on an application, notification of acceptance is made by mail. The applicant has 30 days from the date of the acceptance letter to make a required non-refundable \$100 deposit. This deposit is applied to enrollment fees.

Several applicants are placed on an alternates list. In the event that a position becomes available, an applicant from this list is chosen to fill the vacancy. Alternates may be accepted through the first week of the program.

## Important Information

Students must complete the 30 hour General Education Core ([www.umkc.edu/core](http://www.umkc.edu/core)). In addition, program specific prerequisites must be met for a minimum of 28 additional (58 total) semester hours prior to entry. Student must meet the state requirement for study of U.S. and Missouri Constitutions. Credit will be granted for courses taken at other accredited institutions, which are substantially equivalent to those offered at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, provided a grade of C or above was received.

## Advising Contact Information

If you have advising questions or to contact an advisor, please email [dh@umkc.edu](mailto:dh@umkc.edu) or call 816-235-2050.