

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.*


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| First Math | MATH 110 or MATH 116, or 200-level MATH/STAT | Foreign Language Requirement | Yes | Free Elective Hours | 16-31 |
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| Critical Course or Benchmark | Course Subject, Number, and Title and Academic Plan Benchmarks<br>Bold = UMKC General Education Core Requirement<br>*Prerequisite May Be Required<br>**Co-Requisite Enrollment Required | Min Recom Grade | Credit Hours (CH) | Notes |
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Fall Semester Year 1: 15 hours

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|  | <b>**Anchor I: Reasoning and Values</b><br><a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</a>  |    | 3 | Foreign Language is required for all B.A. degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences; The foreign language placement exam is highly recommended to ensure placement in the correct level.<br><a href="http://cas.umkc.edu/foreignlanguages/PlacementExam.asp">http://cas.umkc.edu/foreignlanguages/Placement Exam.asp</a><br><br>^A student's first Spanish course (s) will depend on placement test score, previous language experience, etc. SPANISH 110 and 120 do not count towards the major or minor. |
|  | <b>**DISC 100: Reasoning and Values</b> (Speech and Writing)  |    | 3 |  |
|  | ^SPANISH 110: Elementary Spanish I or higher-level Spanish language course  | B- | 3 |  |
|  | <b>Focus C: Human Actions, Values, and Ethics</b> May choose Course to also fulfill MO Constitution Requirement - POL-SCI 210, HISTORY 101 or 102 fulfill <b>Focus C</b> as well as the Constitution requirement) |    | 3 |  |
|  | Free Elective   |    | 3 |  |
|  | Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required). Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.  |    |   |  |

Spring Semester Year 1: 15 hours

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|  | <b>**Anchor II: Culture and Diversity</b><br><a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</a> |    | 3 | ^SPANISH 110 and 120 do not count towards the major or minor.<br><br>The ALEKS Math Placement Exam is required prior to enrollment in MATH 110 and some 200-level MATH/STATS courses.<br><a href="http://www.umkc.edu/mathplacement/">www.umkc.edu/mathplacement/</a><br><br>If ALEKS places student in MATH 100: Intermediate Algebra, student may complete Math requirement in the first summer. |
|  | <b>**DISC 200: Culture and Diversity</b> (Speech and Writing)  |    | 3 |  |
|  | MATH 110: College Algebra ( <b>Focus B</b> ) OR<br>MATH 116: Math for Liberal Arts ( <b>Focus B</b> ) OR<br>*MATH/STAT 200+    |    | 3 |  |
|  | ^SPANISH 120: Elementary Spanish II or higher-level Spanish language course  | B- | 3 |  |
|  | Free Elective  |    | 3 |  |
|  | Complete Anchor I and DISC 100. Complete 30 total hours minimum toward degree.   |    |   |  |

◆ Complete Math requirement (110, 116, or 200-level MATH/STAT course).  
 Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required).  
 Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

MATH 110 & MATH 116 satisfy the **Focus B: Scientific Reasoning & Quantitative Analysis Requirement**.

**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.

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

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| ^SPANISH 211: Second Year Spanish I or higher-level Spanish language course  |  | 3   | Take the RooWriter Writing Assessment the semester immediately following DISC 200 and at least a semester before registering for a Writing Intensive course. <a href="https://net3.umkc.edu/intapps/RooWriter/logon.aspx">https://net3.umkc.edu/intapps/RooWriter/logon.aspx</a> |
| CAS Science & Math Requirement – Must take Lab Science to fulfill Laboratory requirement   |  | 4-5 |  |
| <b>Focus A: Arts and Humanities</b> <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</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   |  |
| Free Elective  |  | 3   |  |

◆ Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required).  
 Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

**Spring Semester Year 2: 15 hours**

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| SPANISH 221: Second Year Spanish II or higher-level Spanish language course                             | B- | 3 | Applications for semester and year-long study abroad programs are due in February. |
| <b>Focus Elective</b> <a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</a> |    | 3 |  |
| CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement <a href="#">Click for options</a>                                     |    | 3 |  |
| 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 |  |

◆ Complete Anchor II and DISC 200.  
 Complete 60 total hours toward degree.  
 Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required).  
 Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

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

Study Abroad is optional, but strongly encouraged.

**Fall Semester Year 3: 15 hours**

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| <b>**Anchor III: Civic and Community Engagement</b><br><a href="http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/">http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/</a> |  | 3 |
| <b>**DISC 300: Civic and Community Engagement</b> (Speech and Writing)   |  | 3 |
| SPANISH 315: Intermediate Conv and Comp I or higher-level Spanish language course  |  | 3 |
| SPANISH 3XX: Spanish Literature or Civilization Elective   |  | 3 |

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| Free Elective |  | 3 |
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◆ Complete RooWriter Writing Assessment.  
 Complete 15 term hours toward degree (recommended), 12 minimum (required).  
 Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

**Spring Semester Year 3: 15 hours**

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| SPANISH 325: Intermediate Conv and Comp II or higher-level Spanish language course    |  | 3 | Applications for summer study abroad due end of January. |
| SPANISH 3XX/4XX:Spanish Literature or Civilization Elective - <a href="#">Options</a> |  | 3 |  |
| CLASSICS/FRENCH/GERMAN 2XX/3XX/4XX:Breadth course - <a href="#">Options</a>           |  | 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 and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

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

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| Study Abroad is optional, but strongly encouraged. |  |  |
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**Fall Semester Year 4: 15 hours**

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| SPANISH 415: Advanced Conv and Comp I (if not already fulfilled) OR Free Elective |  | 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. |
| SPANISH 499: Senior Seminar (Capstone)  |  | 3 |   |
| CLASSICS/FRENCH/GERMAN 2XX/3XX/4XX:Breadth course- <a href="#">Options</a>        |  | 3 |   |
| 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 and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

Take the ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exit exam.

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

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| SPANISH 4XX: Spanish Literature or Civilization Elective - <a href="#">Options</a>  |  | 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. |
| SPANISH 4XX: Spanish Literature or Civilization Elective - <a href="#">Options</a>  |  | 3   |  |
| 3XX/4XX: Writing Intensive Course (CAS Writing Intensive Requirement)               |  | 3   |  |
| 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 and minimum 2.00 cumulative UM GPA.

**Graduation Requirements Summary**

Total Degree Credit Hours

Upper Level (3xx/4xx) Hour Requirement

Minimum Hour / Residency Req.

|                  |               |                               |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 120              | 36            | 30                            |
| <b>Major GPA</b> | <b>UM GPA</b> | <b>Other GPA Requirements</b> |
| 2.0              | 2.0           | Other                         |

**Policy and Admission Requirements**

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.

While there is no additional admission requirement for a degree in Foreign Languages, a language placement exam is strongly recommended for all students with previous foreign language experience in French, German or Spanish. The placement exam or the recommendation of a foreign language adviser will best determine a student's level, contributing to his or her success. Contact the department office for more information. Placement test website:  
<http://cas.umkc.edu/ForeignLanguages/PlacementExam.asp>

Consultation with an adviser is recommended for students who intend to major or minor in foreign languages.

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Aside from pursuing teaching careers, holders of degrees in foreign languages are in demand by government, the media and international business in growing numbers, as the need for increased sophistication and expertise in international affairs continues to expand. Multinational companies and organizations now view foreign language skills as an asset in a prospective employee. In the past 10 years this notion has become widespread in such areas as business, industry, commerce, civil service, education, law, communications media and health services. The changing conditions of international economics, politics and communications indicate that this trend will continue.

UMKC Career Services Resources: <http://www.career.umkc.edu/> O\*Net OnLine: <http://www.onetonline.org/>