

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 120	Foreign Language Requirement	No	Free Elective Hours	29-36
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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: 14 - 16 hours

	**Anchor I: Reasoning and Values http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/		3	A grade of B or higher in biology, chemistry, and math courses is a realistic benchmark for students to successfully complete a biology degree. ALEKS Math Placement Exam or college credit with a grade of C- or higher in prerequisite required prior to enrollment in MATH 110 and MATH 120. www.umkc.edu/mathplacement/ Students must earn a grade of C- or higher for courses to satisfy majors requirements.
	**DISC 100: Reasoning and Values (Speech and Writing)		3	
◆	BIOLOGY 108: General Biology I (Focus B) OR BIOLOGY 109: General Biology II (Focus B)	B	3	
	BIOLOGY 108L: General Biology I Laboratory OR BIOLOGY 109L: General Biology II Laboratory	B	1	
◆	MATH 110: College Algebra OR MATH 120: Precalculus OR CHEM 211: General Chemistry I (Focus Elective) AND CHEM 211L: Experimental General Chemistry I	B	3-5	
	BIOLOGY 115: First Year Seminar (strongly recommended)		1	
◆	Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree. 2.250 or higher cumulative UM GPA recommended. 2.250 or higher cumulative UM Biology GPA recommended.			

Spring Semester Year 1: 15 hours

	**Anchor II: Culture and Diversity http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/		3	Register for UMKC Roo Career Network. http://career.umkc.edu/
	**DISC 200: Culture and Diversity (Speech and Writing)		3	
◆	BIOLOGY 108: General Biology I OR BIOLOGY 109: General Biology II	B	3	Students who are planning to complete their degree in 4-years should aim to complete a minimum of 30 credit hours per academic year (Fall, Spring, Summer)
	BIOLOGY 108L: General Biology I Laboratory OR BIOLOGY 109L: General Biology II Laboratory	B	1	
◆	CHEM 211: General Chemistry I AND CHEM 211L: Experimental General Chemistry I OR CHEM 212R: General Chemistry II AND CHEM 212LR: Experimental General Chemistry II	B	5	

◆	Complete Anchor I and DISC 100. Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree. 2.250 or higher cumulative UM GPA recommended. 2.250 or higher cumulative UM Biology GPA recommended.
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Summer Semester Year 1: 0-5 hours

	May use summer semester to ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall and spring course loads. Note: not all classes are offered in the summer. Consult with your advisor for recommendations.		
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◆	Complete BIOLOGY 108: General Biology I. Complete BIOLOGY 108L: General Biology I Laboratory. Complete BIOLOGY 109: General Biology II. Complete BIOLOGY 109L: General Biology II Laboratory. Complete CHEM 211: General Chemistry I. Complete CHEM 211L: Experimental General Chemistry I. 2.250 or higher cumulative UM GPA recommended. 2.250 or higher cumulative UM Biology GPA recommended. Complete 30 total hours toward degree.
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Fall Semester Year 2: 15-16 hours

◆	BIOLOGY 202: Cell Biology OR BIOLOGY 206: Genetics	B	3
	MATH 125: Trigonometry OR MATH 210: Calculus I OR MATH 216: Calculus for Biological Sciences OR STAT 235: Elementary Statistics	B	2-4
	Focus A: Arts and Humanities http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/		3
	Free Elective		3
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◆	Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree. 2.250 or higher cumulative UM GPA recommended. 2.250 or higher cumulative UM Biology GPA recommended.
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Spring Semester Year 2: 14-15 hours

◆	BIOLOGY 202: Cell Biology OR BIOLOGY 206 Genetics	B	3	HISTORY 101, 102 or POL-SCI 210 recommended for Focus C and Constitution Requirement . Students planning to continue their education in professional or graduate programs should meet with their adviser to discuss application timeline and requirements.
	CHEM 320: Elementary Organic Chemistry AND CHEM 320L: Experimental Organic Chemistry	B	5	
	Focus C: Human Actions, Ethics, and Values Missouri Constitution Course		3	
	MATH 210: Calculus I OR MATH 216: Calculus for Biological Sciences OR Free Elective		3-4	

◆	Complete Anchor II and DISC 200. Complete RooWriter Assessment. Complete CHEM 321: Organic Chemistry I.			Students must complete RooWriter Writing Assessment prior to enrolling in a Writing Intensive Course.
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Complete CHEM 321L: Organic Chemistry Laboratory I.
 Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree.
 2.250 or higher cumulative UM GPA recommended.
 2.250 or higher cumulative UM Biology GPA recommended.

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

May use summer semester to ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall and spring course loads. Note: not all classes are offered in the summer. Consult with your advisor for recommendations.



Complete 60 total hours toward degree.

Fall Semester Year 3: 15 hours

LS-BIOC 341: Basic Biochemistry	B	3	File an Application for Graduation.
BIOLOGY Elective-Upper Level	B	3	
PHYSICS 210: General Physics I	B	4	Students must complete a Writing Intensive (WI) course in the School of Biological Sciences.
Elective		3	
Elective (one hour must be upper level)		2	



2.250 or higher cumulative UM GPA recommended.
 2.250 or higher cumulative UM Biology GPA recommended.

Spring Semester Year 3: 15 hours

**Anchor III: Civic and Community Engagement http://www.umkc.edu/core/courses/		3	
**DISC 300: Community & Civic Engagement (Speech and Writing)		3	
BIOLOGY Elective Upper Level	B	3	
BIOLOGY Elective Lab Upper Level (Writing Intensive)	B	3	
Free Elective		3	



2.250 or higher cumulative UM GPA recommended.
 2.250 or higher cumulative UM Biology GPA recommended.

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



Complete 90 total hours toward degree.


Fall Semester Year 4: 15 hours

BIOLOGY Elective Upper Level	B	3	
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Free Elective		3	
Free Elective		3	
Free Elective		3	



Complete Anchor III and DISC 300.
 2.250 or higher cumulative UM GPA recommended.
 2.250 or higher cumulative UM Biology GPA recommended.

Spring Semester Year 4: 12 hours

	Biology Synthesis Course: BIOLOGY 498WI: Critical Analysis Of Biological Issues OR LIFE-SCI 497: Special Topics OR LIFE-SCI 499: Undergraduate Research	B	3
	BIOLOGY Elective Upper Level	B	3
	Free Elective		3
	Free Elective		3
	<i>Free Elective (if needed)</i>		0-3
	Complete Major Field Exam for Biology. Complete ETS Proficiency Profile. 2.250 or higher cumulative UM GPA recommended. 2.250 or higher cumulative UM Biology GPA recommended.		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Total Degree Credit Hours	Upper Level (3xx/4xx) Hour Requirement	Minimum Hour / Residency Req.
120	36	30

Major GPA	UM GPA	Other GPA Requirements	Other
2.00	2.00		

Policy

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.

Academic and Career Advising

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