

Four Year Graduation Plan – Courses & 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. For more information see the University Catalog at umkc.edu/catalog.

Your path to graduation may vary 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 Course:	Math Not Required	Foreign Language Requirement:	None	General Elective Hours:	0
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Critical Course	Course Subject, Number, & Title and Academic Plan Benchmarks Bold = UMKC General Education Core requirement *Prerequisite May Be Required ** Co-Requisite Enrollment Required	Min. Rec. Grade	Credit Hours	Notes
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Fall Semester Year 1: 16 hours

◆	CONSVTY 141 Musicianship I	B-	4	Jury may be required.
◆	CONSVTY 110 Keyboard Skills I	B-	1	
	VOICE 101 Freshman Voice I		2	
	VOICE 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		1	
	CONSVTY 185B Italian Diction		2	
	**Anchor I Reasoning & Values Click for options (ANCH 103 Muse recommended)		3	
	**DISC 100 Reasoning & Values (Speech & Writing) Click for options		3	
Complete 16 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				

Spring Semester Year 1: 16 hours

◆	CONSVTY 142 Musicianship II	B-	4	Register for UMKC Roo Career Network . Jury may be required.
◆	CONSVTY 123 Keyboard Skills II	B-	1	
	VOICE 102 Freshman Voice II		2	
	VOICE 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		1	
	CONSVTY 185C German Diction OR CONSVTY 185D French Diction		2	
	**Anchor II Culture & Diversity Click for options		3	
	**DISC 200 Culture & Diversity (Speech & Writing) Click for options		3	
Complete 16 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				

Summer Semester Year 1: 0 hours

Complete Anchor I & DISC 100 Complete at least 30 total credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA				Students may use the summer to ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall and spring course loads.
Fall Semester Year 2: 17 hours				
◆	CONSVTY 241 Musicianship III	B-	4	Take the RooWriter Assessment after completing DISC 200. Should complete prior to reaching 90 total hours. Jury may be required.
◆	CONSVTY 223 Keyboard Skills III	B-	1	
	VOICE 201 Sophomore Voice I		2	
	VOICE 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		1	
◆	CONSVTY 128 Music Teaching Matters – A Professional Beginning	B-	2	
	CONSVTY 373P Survey of Strings		1	
	**Anchor III Civic & Community Engagement Click for options		3	
	**DISC 300 Civic & Community Engagement (Speech & Writing) Click for options		3	
Complete 17 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Spring Semester Year 2: 13 hours				
◆	CONSVTY 242 Musicianship IV	B-	4	Jury may be required.
◆	CONSVTY 310 Keyboard Skills IV	B-	1	
	VOICE 202 Sophomore Voice II		2	
	VOICE 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		1	
	CONSVTY 373G Guitar Techniques		1	
	CONSVTY 373N Survey of Wind & Percussion instruments		1	
	TCH-ED 403 Educational Psychology		3	
Complete 13 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Summer Semester Year 2: 0 hours				
Complete RooWriter Assessment Complete Anchor II & DISC 200 Complete at least 60 total credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA				Students may use the summer to ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall and spring course loads.
Fall Semester Year 3: 18 hours				
	VOICE 301 Junior Voice I		2	Jury may be required. ¹ BME Students should complete a Physical Science Course – Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physical Science, or Physics.
	VOICE 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		1	
	Focus B Scientific Reasoning & Quantitative Analysis¹ Click for options		3	
	CONSVTY 405 Foundations of Music Education		3	
	CONSVTY 351 History of Music I (Focus A)		3	
	CONSVTY 370 Choral/Vocal Pedagogy		2	

	CONSVTY 380 Basic Conducting – Choral		2	
	CONSVTY 411A Field Experience		1	
	CONSVTY 437 Computer Literacy for Musicians		1	
Complete 18 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Spring Semester Year 3: 16 hours				
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		1	
	CONSVTY 352 Music History II (Focus Elective)		3	
	VOICE 302 Junior Voice II		2	
	VOICE 300 Studio Class		0	
	CONSVTY 382 Advanced Conducting		2	
	CONSVTY 357 Choral Literature		2	Jury may be required.
	CONSVTY 387 Secondary methods		2	
	CONSVTY 411B Field Experience		1	
	TCH-ED 420 Adolescent Development		3	
Complete 16 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Summer Semester Year 3: 0 hours				
Complete at least 90 total credit hours toward degree Maintain a minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA				Students may use the summer to ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall and spring course loads.
Fall Semester Year 4: 16 hours				
	CONSVTY TBD Ensemble Click for options		1	
	CONSVTY 425A Choral Arranging		2	
	CONSVTY 385 Elementary Methods		3	Apply for graduation & complete your Final Degree Audit for Major and Minor (if applicable).
	CONSVTY411C Field Experience		1	
	TCH-ED 427 Teaching Reading		3	Take the ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exit exam.
	TCH-ED 404 Exceptional Child		3	
	POL-SCI 210 American Gov't (Focus C + MO Constitution Requirement)		3	Jury may be required.
Complete 16 credit hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				
Spring Semester Year 4: 14 hours				
	CONSVTY 412A Student Teaching – Elementary		4	
	CONSVTY 412B Student Teaching – Secondary		4	Take Major Field (MF) exit exam.
	TCH-ED 419 Student Teaching – Elementary		3	
	TCH-ED 437 Student Teaching – Secondary		3	Jury may be required.
Earn minimum 2.00 term GPA				

Graduation Requirements Summary

Total Hours	Total Hours at UMKC	Upper Lvl Hrs in Major at UMKC	Total Upper Level (300/400) hours	Major GPA	UMKC GPA
126 minimum	30 minimum	12 minimum	36 minimum	2.80 minimum	3.00 minimum

Other Information

A minimum of 30 hours must be earned at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, regardless of the number and level of hours earned at another institution. Undergraduate degree-seeking students are required to earn credit in at least 36 hours of coursework numbered 300 and above at UMKC. In the case of transfer credit, the coursework must be numbered as junior-senior level work by the transferring institution. Community-college transfer coursework cannot count towards the 36-hour requirement.

Non-course requirements

RooWriter Writing Assessment	Met
ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exam	—
Major Field (MF) exam	—

Policy

The University reserves the right to make changes in courses and course schedules. 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 BME-Choral degree is a rigorous program that prepares students as musicians, performers and teachers. In addition to core classes in musicianship, performance and teaching techniques, students gain extensive experience through field experiences within local schools. Upon completion of their student teaching our graduates are prepared as innovative leaders in the classroom and in their communities. Completion of the bachelor of music education (BME) degree fulfills the course requirements to teach music in grades K-12 (elementary general music and secondary vocal or instrumental music) in both Missouri and Kansas. Students may earn a BME degree with an emphasis in choral or instrumental music.

Admission Requirements

- Complete the [UMKC application](#) for admission.
- Complete the [Conservatory Supplemental Application](#) for admission.
- Qualify for the first semester freshman level of lessons on the applied instrument for 2 units/credit hours at the audition for admission.
- Students must have an ACT score of 21 or higher, or be at the 50 percentile or higher in the high school class rank, or have a high school grade point average of 2.5 or better.
- Applicants are required to complete an interview with a music education faculty member prior to admission.

Advising Contact Information

Conservatory Phone 816-235-2900
 Conservatory Website conservatory.umkc.edu

Career Opportunities

UMKC Career Services – career.umkc.edu | 816-235-1636 | 2nd Floor, Atterbury Student Success Center
 O*Net OnLine – OnetOnline.org Learn about careers related to your major, income potential, and more.