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Information and History

General Information

All statements in this section are announcements of present policies, requirements (admission and academic progress), curricula, fees and services. They are subject to change at any time without prior notice. They are not to be regarded as offers to contract.

History

The UMKC School of Dentistry traces its roots to 1881, when the Kansas City Dental College was founded as a department of the Kansas City Medical College. In 1919 the Kansas City Dental College merged with Western Dental College to form the Kansas City Western Dental College. It became the School of Dentistry of the University of Kansas City in 1941. In 1963 the school became the School of Dentistry at UMKC.

Continuous and distinguished service for more than 135 years has established the School of Dentistry as an important institution in the region and throughout the nation.

Over the years, the school's educational standards and opportunities have increased as the school has consistently demonstrated its ability to educate well-qualified dentists and dental hygienists to contribute to the improvement of oral health. As an affirmation of this, the D.D.S., the advanced education certificate programs: advanced education in general dentistry, periodontics, endodontics, and orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, and the B.S. in dental hygiene are fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

The school is situated on the Health Sciences Campus, where University Health, Children's Mercy Hospital and the UMKC Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Health Studies, and Pharmacy are also located.

Degrees Offered

The School of Dentistry offers a four-year professional program leading to the Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree, and the bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene (B.S.). The School offers a graduate program leading to a Master of Science degree in Oral and Craniofacial sciences, and advanced education residency certificates in general dentistry or recognized dental clinical specialties. In addition, the school participates in UMKC's Natural Sciences Ph.D. program (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/oral-craniofacial-sciences/phd/>) through the discipline of Oral and Craniofacial Sciences. Please refer to the School of Graduate Studies section of the catalog for information on admission criteria and degree requirements for the Ph.D. program.

Grading System

The grading and grade-point system used by all academic programs in the School of Dentistry is defined by the University. It is outlined in the General Graduate Academic Regulations and Information section of this catalog.

Incomplete Grades

Students may earn an incomplete grade (I) due to illness or other valid reasons beyond the student's control and has been unable to complete the work in a course. A student who receives an incomplete, and who subsequently does not elect to withdraw from the course, must complete the required work by a date specified by the instructor. Failure to complete required work by this date is cause for the incomplete to be changed to an F (failure without credit). This is exclusive of those courses that are considered directed individual studies, internships, special topics, practicums, and research and thesis courses.

An incomplete grade is appropriate when enough work in the course has been completed that the student can finish the remaining work without re-enrolling in the course in question or attending additional classes. Otherwise, students should initiate withdrawal (but only with permission).

Students may not re-enroll in a course for which an incomplete remains on their records.

Facilities

Clinic

The dental and dental hygiene clinics have more than 280 operatories with separate areas for pediatric dentistry, oral surgery and radiology. The clinic also contains an Innovation Clinic equipped with different operatory equipment provided by various dental manufacturers so students may practice on various dental delivery systems. Newer technology, such as electric handpieces, integrated ultrasonic units, Cerec acquisition and milling units, digital radiology (both plates and sensors), NOMAD units and axiUm (electronic patient record program) are available in the general clinic for use by students. The school uses an evidence-based approach to the disposables and supplies used in the clinic and recently incorporated an innovative impression system and fabricating milled complete dentures appliances.

The school also offers to Advanced Education Residency Programs in Periodontics, Orthodontics, Endodontics and General Dentistry as well as joint programs in Oral Surgery and Pediatric Dentistry.

Classrooms

Three large lecture halls and five smaller classrooms/seminar rooms. All lecture halls are equipped with networked computers and modern projection systems.

Laboratories

Two state of the art dental preclinical simulation facilities with fully equipped working stations and manikins; an anatomical model laboratory.

Health Science Library

The Health Sciences Library located within the School of Medicine and adjacent to the School of Dentistry supports the curricular, scholarly and research activities of the students, faculty and staff. Extending beyond the library walls through electronic resources are nearly three hundred online databases, over two hundred online journal titles specific to Dentistry and thousands of journals in related Health Sciences, Chemistry, and Engineering that pertain to dental research and practice. Housed within the library physical collection includes over four hundred journal titles and over seventeen thousand monographs. All UMKC students have full access to each of the UMKC libraries as well as the opportunity to establish user accounts to the Linda Hall Library, the world's foremost independent research library devoted to science, engineering and technology, located adjacent to the Volker campus.

Study Commons

Located on the third floor of the School of Dentistry is a space allocated for students to gather and study. There are seating areas to accommodate varying study habits.. Twenty-eight computers are arranged in a computer lab available for hands-on training.

Miscellaneous

The school also supports a full-service Biomedical Communication Department that contributes significantly to its educational and administrative missions. The Health Sciences Bookstore supplies all textbook, and some supply needs of the student body; it is housed on the Health Sciences Campus.

Outreach Programs/Community Affiliations

In keeping with its goal of developing a sense of professional and societal responsibilities, and an awareness of community needs and problems in its students, the school offers numerous outreach opportunities. Dental and dental hygiene students provide oral health care in over 30 community-based health centers. The dental school also maintains affiliations with groups invested in oral health promotion, including University Academy, Kansas City Free Health Clinic, Give Kids a Smile, Missouri and Kansas Missions of Mercy, and Students Take Action.

Research Programs

Research plays a prominent role in the School of Dentistry. The Natural Ph.D. program, M.S. degree program (Oral & Craniofacial Sciences) as well as the advanced dental programs all have strong research components. The intent of these programs is to expose the student to basic and translational research, and clinical application. Research and the scientific method are formal parts of the educational program of all dental school students, contributing to their education, as well as serving to advance science and dentistry. There is significant external grant funding supporting the research efforts. Many of the researchers who have obtained these grants serve as mentors for dental students participating in the Summer Scholars Program. In this selective program, a limited number of students participate in a nine-week research experience in the mentor's area of research interest and present their project results at a national meeting.

Faculty

Kenneth Abramovitch; professor & chair, department of oral pathology, radiology, and medicine; D.D.S. (McGill University); Certificate in Dental Diagnostic Science (University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio); M.S. Dental Diagnostic Science (University of Texas-Health Science Center at San Antonio).

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- Dental Hygiene Clinical Entry Level program
- Dental Hygiene Degree Completion Program

Undergraduate Advising

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Academic advising for undergraduate students is delivered through Roo Advising. Academic Advising is an integral part of student's university experience and has a significant impact on student success. The goals of Roo Advising are to provide students an exceptional advising experience that is equitable, holistic, personal, and timely. Advisors will assist students with the following:

- Understand degree requirements and have a early plan to graduation
- Navigate UMKC processes, systems, and services
- Explore, clarify and confirm fit with their major and career plans
- Develop clear and personalized academic objectives for short and long-term goals
- Enhance self-efficacy and sense of agency

Our professional academic advisors will assist students in all aspects of their undergraduate educational career.

- Assist students in choosing majors and developing academic plans
- Inform students about general education requirements
- Advise students on class selection and registration
- Offer advice on educational and career goals
- Assist students to connect with support services on campus
- Regularly review academic progress and progression toward degree completion
- Connect students with faculty mentors and UMKC Career Services
- Review academic policies and procedures
- Help students with other related issues or problems of an academic nature

Academic Advising

To facilitate progress toward the student's degree, and to ensure that courses selected support completion of degree requirements, students are required to participate in advising each semester before registering for classes. Academic advising is required for all undergraduate students and is enforced using an advising hold in Pathway. In general, students should schedule an appointment to meet with their assigned academic advisor to discuss their enrollment plan and request their advising hold be released. Once students have a fully approved academic plan, there may be options to have holds released without a requirement for an appointment with certain programs.

Students enrolled in double majors or dual degree programs may be advised by two or more advisors with expertise in the specific programs. The advisor for student's primary degree program will have the major advising responsibility.

Students have many options to meet with their assigned academic advisor. Students are encouraged to schedule an appointment with their assigned advisor to ensure appropriate time is set aside to address student's issues and concerns.

Schedule an appointment

Students can schedule an appointment to meet with their assigned academic advisor on their own through UMKC Connect (<https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html>). If assistance is required, students can call Roo Advising at 816-235-1148 or send an email to roadvising@umkc.edu.

Drop-In Advising

Drop-In Advising will be available the week prior to and the first week of each term. In addition, drop-in advising is available during regular terms as noted below.

- Monday and Tuesday 11am-12:00pm
- Wednesday and Thursday 1:00pm-2:00pm

Advising Office Locations

Roo Advising is delivered across UMKC

- Arts & Cultural Studies-Scofield Hall, Room 9
- Business & Management-Bloch Heritage Hall, Suite 230
- Exploratory-Scofield Hall, Room 9
- Human Behavior, Education & Justice-Scofield Hall, Room 9 and School of Education, Suite 129 (for education majors only)
- Natural & Health Sciences-Flarsheim Hall, Suite 510 (including Health Sciences-non nursing tracks and public health). Advising for Health Sciences nursing tracks and Nursing program are virtual/remote only.
- Numbers, Engineering, Technology, & the Cosmos-Flarsheim Hall, Suite 336
- Visiting/Non-Degree-Scofield Hall, Room 9

Faculty Mentors

Faculty in student's declared degree programs are a significant and valuable resource for students. As experts in their respective fields they can assist students with their exploration of major and career options. Faculty can assist students to consider elective options tailored to their specific interests and assist students to make connections with professionals in Kansas City, Missouri, the United States, or across the globe. In addition, faculty can help students to make connections with colleagues in graduate or professional schools that may be of interest to students.

Students are responsible for becoming familiar with all academic regulations of the campus as outlined in the catalog and in other University documents.

Graduate Graduate Degrees:

- Master of Science in Oral and Craniofacial Sciences
- Natural Sciences Ph.D. in Oral and Craniofacial Sciences
- Advanced Education Programs
 - Advanced Education in General Dentistry
 - Endodontics
 - Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics
 - Periodontics

Professional Professional Programs:

- Doctor of Dental Surgery Program