BACHELOR OF ARTS: CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY

University Requirements

General Education
The UMKC General Education Core (http://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/general-education-requirements) is the university-wide curriculum that all undergraduate students will complete. The 30-credit hour core curriculum includes three course types designated as Anchor, Discourse and Focus and is detailed in the General Education (http://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/general-education-requirements) section of the catalog.

Constitution Course
Every undergraduate student must take a course covering the United States Constitution and the Missouri State Constitution before graduation. Course options are included in the program requirements section below.

RooWriter Assessment
Candidates for all baccalaureate degrees must complete the online UMKC RooWriter Writing Assessment after they have passed Discourse 200 (or its equivalent) but before they have attained 90 credit hours. Incoming transfer students with more than 90 credit hours must complete the RooWriter by the end of their first semester of enrollment or within one semester after passing Discourse 200 (or its equivalent). Students who have not completed the RooWriter Writing Assessment within two semesters after passing Discourse 200 (or its equivalent) will be blocked from enrollment until they successfully complete the RooWriter. Additional information is available in the Undergraduate Academic Regulations and Information (http://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/roowriter) section of the catalog.

Exit Examinations
Information on exit examinations and/or major field exams is available in the Undergraduate Academic Regulations and Information (http://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/graduation/exitexams) section of the catalog.

Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Examination
In accordance with Missouri Senate Bill 807 (section 170.013.1), ‘any student entering a public institution of higher education for the first time after July 2019 who is pursuing an associate’s or bachelor’s degree from such institution shall successfully pass an examination on the provisions and principles of American civics with a score of seventy percent or greater as a condition of graduation from such institution’. To satisfy this requirement at UMKC, students access the exam through the Canvas site. This requirement will be listed in the degree audit system as, ‘Take State Mandated Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Examination’, and listed on the transcript as ‘Missouri Civics Examination’.

Student Learning Outcomes
Students graduating from this program will:

• Demonstrate ability to integrate, critique, synthesize, and apply content.
• Demonstrate strong oral and written communication skills.
• Demonstrate understanding of skills.
• Possess an understanding of job and career paths.
• Demonstrate ability to link theory, research and policy.
• Demonstrate ability to engage with and address existing social problems.

The mission of the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology is to offer students the opportunity to learn how to analyze and interpret the systems of social control that are applied through the criminal justice system and throughout society, as well as how to explain the causes and consequences of these social structures. This major focuses on crime, criminals, and professionals who handle these concerns through arrest, court processing and punishments. As such, the major emphasizes community engagement and service so to prepare students for the jobs and leadership opportunities that will be necessary for their role as future change agents. The major offers skills in critical thinking and in conducting and evaluating research which promote evidence-based decision-making and effective communication. Always striving for best practices, this major is especially relevant to the urban engagement mission of the university, and its domain is always situated within inclusive learning environments which demand students become culturally competent individuals in order to understand and thrive in society.

Career Implications
The B.A. curriculum is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions and middle-management careers in the public and private sectors of police and security services, adult and juvenile justice systems and post-adjudicatory services such as probation, parole and related private organizations, as well as federal, state and local administrative agencies. The program is intended to augment skills that are developed in the training programs and academics of service agencies and to develop new talent for the wide variety of agencies and organizations that administer our legal
institutions. In addition to the foregoing variety of career roles, CJC majors can exercise career options in consulting, government, human services, journalism and urban planning, and with the appropriate graduate training, in teaching social work, criminology and law.

**Program Requirements**

**Program Specific Recommendations for UMKC General Education Core** (http://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/general-education-requirements) *Coursework*

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1 See the UMKC General Education Core (http://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/general-education-requirements) section of the catalog for available Anchor and Focus course options.

**Constitution Course Requirement**

Section 170.011.1 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, 2015, states that all candidates for a degree issued by a college or university in the state of Missouri must have “satisfactorily passed an examination on the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Missouri, and in American history and American institutions.”

Courses at UMKC that satisfy this state requirement are:

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1 Course may satisfy both the UMKC General Education Core (Focus C) and Constitution requirements.

There are a few other ways this requirement can be satisfied for students transferring to UMKC:

- Take an equivalent course from the list above at a regionally accredited institution.
- Earn credit for one of the above courses through AP, IB, or CLEP.
- Take a course that directly satisfies the Missouri Constitution Requirement at another Missouri institution.
- Have a previous bachelors degree (or higher) from a regionally accredited institution.
- Have an Associate of Arts degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- Complete the 42 Hour Core at a Missouri institution and have it listed on the official transcript.

**College of Arts & Sciences Degree Requirements**

Students pursuing the bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees must complete a major. Students pursuing the bachelor of liberal arts degree must complete a minor. Additional details are available in the Student Services (http://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/student-services) section of the catalog.

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Science and Math Division of CAS or any UMKC Focus B course 6
Social and Behavioral Sciences Division of CAS or any UMKC Focus C course 6
Writing Intensive Course (300-level or above; Satisfied in program requirements below) 6
Foreign Language (3rd Semester Level) 9
MATH 110 Precalculus Algebra (or any 200-level or above Math/Stat course) 3
or MATH 116 Mathematics For Liberal Arts
or MATH 120 Precalculus
Laboratory Science Experience 1
Total Credits 31

1 ENGLISH 110, ENGLISH 225, COMM-ST 110, and foreign language courses at 211 or below do not fulfill this requirement.
2 This requirement may be fulfilled by courses from either the UMKC General Education Core or the College of Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements.

### Major Requirements

Students must successfully complete the major requirements below with at least 12 hours of the noted upper division (300+) course requirements completed at UMKC.

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<td>Methods Of Criminological Research</td>
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<td>CJC 495WI</td>
<td>Capstone: Criminal Justice And Criminology ¹</td>
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Select one course each from two different systems: 6

**Policing:**
- CJC 351 Policing In The Community
- CJC 354 Policing in America

**Courts:**
- CJC 361 Principles & Practices of Criminal Courts
- CJC 364 The Supreme Court And The Criminal Process

**Corrections:**
- CJC 370 Principles Of Corrections
- CJC 371 Community Corrections

**Major Electives**

CJC Electives (see restrictions below) 15
- CJC 240 Delinquency And Juvenile Justice
- CJC 280 Gangs and Crime
- CJC 282 Criminal Justice & Criminology in Popular Media
- CJC 332 Race, Class and Justice
- CJC 385 Victimology
- CJC 390 New Dimensions In Criminal Justice
- CJC 430 Women, Crime And Criminal Justice
- CJC 431 Hate & Bias Crimes
- CJC 481 Restorative Justice
- CJC 482 The Death Penalty In America

Total Credits 36

¹ CJC 495WI is open only to CJC majors in their last year of coursework who have completed the RooWriter.

Students must receive a grade of no lower than C- in the core required courses (CJC 101, CJC 210, CJC 215, CJC 220, and CJC 495WI) and achieve an overall GPA of 2.0 in the major. Students with more than one academic major may apply only 9 credit hours from another degree program toward the CJC major.
It is suggested that students broaden their course choices by selecting related offerings in English (especially those courses that stress writing skills), philosophy, history, geography, political science, psychology, sociology and public administration.

**CJC Elective Restrictions**

In selecting courses to fulfill the 15 credit hours of CJC electives, CJC majors and minors should be aware of the following restrictions:

- No more than 3 credit hours of Directed Studies in Criminal Justice and Criminology may be used to fulfill CJC elective requirements.
- No more than 3 credit hours of Internship in Criminal Justice may be used to fulfill CJC elective requirements.
- No more than 3 credit hours of Topics in Criminal Justice may be used to fulfill CJC elective requirements.

Students who are pursuing the CJC major or minor are strongly encouraged to meet with a CJC advisor each semester to review their progress toward degree completion, as well as to determine the appropriateness of coursework selected.

**General Electives**

Students must take elective credit hours to meet the minimum credit hour requirement for their degree, including at least 36 credit hours of coursework at the 300-level or above. The minimum required by the university is 120 credit hours, of which at least 30 credit hours must be taken at UMKC, but some degree programs require more.

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Minimum GPA: 2.0

Total Credit Hours: 120

**Tools for Planning and Fulfilling Academic Requirements**

UMKC's Major Maps ([https://cf1.umkc.edu/majormaps](https://cf1.umkc.edu/majormaps)) are detailed, semester by semester plans that lead a student to complete all degree requirements within four years. Plans include benchmarks and critical courses by term that assist a student’s evaluation of progress and major “fit”. In order to ensure that the appropriate courses are taken, students are encouraged to consult with the undergraduate advisor for this major.

UMKC’s Degree Audit System ([https://www.umkc.edu/registrar/majors-degrees/planmydegree.asp](https://www.umkc.edu/registrar/majors-degrees/planmydegree.asp)) provides an individual evaluation of all degree requirements (General Education Core, Degree Specific, Major Specific, etc.) for student’s officially recorded (Office of Registration and Records) and “what if” plans of study. This evaluation is used to certify all graduation requirements.

UMKC’s Transfer Guides ([https://www.umkc.edu/transferguides](https://www.umkc.edu/transferguides)) provide detailed guidance on recommended transfer coursework, plans of study, transfer timelines, and transfer contact information. To ensure a seamless transfer experience, students are encouraged to work with both their community college advisor and a UMKC advisor when planning their coursework.