BACHELOR OF ARTS: PSYCHOLOGY

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.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

• Describe psychology’s content domains.
• Engage in integrative, science-based reasoning to interpret behavior and solve problems.
• Apply ethical standards to science and practice, and promote community at local, national, and global levels.
• Effectively write, speak, and interact with others.
• Apply psychological content and skills to career goals, and develop professional direction for life after graduation.

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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<td>Discourse II: Culture and Diversity (Writing and Speech)</td>
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'Total credits’ in this section indicates the number of General Education Core credit hours that are not met by the degree specific requirements outlined below.

Total Credits 21

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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<td>The Supreme Court And The Criminal Process</td>
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<td>HISTORY 101</td>
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<td>HISTORY 360R</td>
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<td>HONORS 230</td>
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<td>POL-SCI 210</td>
<td>American Government (Focus C)</td>
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Total Credits: 3

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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<td>Social and Behavioral Sciences Division of CAS</td>
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<td>Foreign Language (3rd Semester Level)</td>
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<td>MATH 110</td>
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<td>Mathematics For Liberal Arts</td>
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<td>or MATH 120</td>
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<td>Laboratory Science Experience</td>
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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

Majors are required to complete a minimum of 34 hours of coursework in psychology. The major is comprised of general, core area, and elective courses.

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<td>PSYCH 207</td>
<td>Orientation to the Psychology Major</td>
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Bachelor of Arts: Psychology

PSYCH 210  General Psychology (Focus C)  3
PSYCH 302  Experimental Psychology  4
PSYCH 307  Academic and Career Opportunities in Psychology  2
PSYCH 316  Quantitative Methods in Psychology  3

Core Area and Elective Courses

Core Area A
- PSYCH 312  Social Psychology  3
  or PSYCH 322  Child Psychology

Core Area B
- PSYCH 323  Theory and Methods of Personality  3
  or PSYCH 433  Abnormal Psychology

Core Area C
- PSYCH 308  Sensation and Perception  3
  or PSYCH 418  Brain and Behavior I

Core Area D
Select one of the following:  3
- PSYCH 405  Motivation and Emotion
- PSYCH 407  Cognitive Psychology

Major Electives
Select a minimum of three elective courses in psychology  9
- PSYCH 320  Ethnic and Minority Perspectives in Psychology
- PSYCH 331  Introduction to Health Psychology
- PSYCH 441  Adult Development and Aging
- PSYCH 450  Special Topics
- PSYCH 461  Field Practicum
- PSYCH 490  Directed Individual Research
- PSYCH 491  Psychology Research Externship
- PSYCH 495WI  Contemporary Issues in Psychology

Total Credits  34

The remaining hours comprise a minimum of four core area courses and three elective courses. A minimum of one course must be taken from each core area.

See Undergraduate Advising (http://cas.umkc.edu/psychology/undergrad/advising.asp) for a complete list of undergraduate psychology courses that may serve as these electives. A maximum combination of 3 credit hours of PSYCH 490 and PSYCH 491 and a maximum of 3 credit hours of PSYCH 461 may be used toward fulfilling elective requirement.

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.

Code  Title  Credits
General Electives  31

Other Requirements

Double majors with Sociology or Criminal Justice & Criminology may use the statistics courses taught in those departments (SOCIOL 263 or CJC 210) to fulfill PSYCH 316.

Double majors with the Conservatory may apply up to 6 credits from CONSVTY 342, CONSVTY 395, or CONSVTY 435 toward their psychology electives.

A grade of "C-" or higher must be achieved for any course to apply toward the major in psychology. The Undergraduate Psychology Advising Office encourages students to visit each semester to check on degree requirements and registration for courses, and to discuss professional development issues that will prepare students for their careers post-graduation.

Minimum GPA: 2.0
Total Credit Hours: 120

General Advice for Developing a Plan of Study

Note that the Department of Psychology varies course offerings each semester. Not all courses are offered every year. Students, with the required prerequisite courses, who are interested in a particular elective or core area course should enroll when it is offered.

Do not plan to complete coursework by taking courses during the summer. The department usually offers some courses during the summer term, but doesn’t guarantee that all required courses will be offered.

Make sure the prerequisites for courses are met prior to enrollment. Students who do not meet course prerequisites will not be allowed to enroll through Pathway.

For questions regarding the Undergraduate Psychology Program, or to schedule an appointment with a Psychology Advisor, please contact the Psychology Advising Office at umkcpuga@umkc.edu or (816) 235-1092.

The Undergraduate Psychology Program is designed to provide majors with a base of scientific knowledge in psychology, as well as a broad background in the field for students who want to pursue graduate study.

See Undergraduate Advising (http://cas.umkc.edu/psychology/undergrad/advising.asp) for more information.

Tools for Planning and Fulfilling Academic Requirements

UMKC’s Major Maps (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) 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) 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.