Department of Race, Ethnic, and Gender Studies (REGS)
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Department Description
The Department of Race, Ethnic and Gender Studies (REGS) offers an excellent interdisciplinary curriculum that teaches critical thinking through an examination of historical and contemporary problems and expands student understanding of gender difference, cultural diversity and social change.

- The department offers three minors: Black Studies; Latinx and Latin American Studies; and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Students are able to pursue a specialized focus while enhancing their major in the humanities, social sciences or natural sciences. The minors provide flexibility to allow for the creation of a course of study suited to individual student interests.
- Internship programs provide opportunities for undergraduate or graduate students to gain on-site experience. In some cases, students can receive 1 to 4 hours of academic credit while learning and working in off- or on-campus placements.

Special Resources and Services
Kansas City is an ideal place for REGS students. Internships and job opportunities are available throughout the metro at nonprofit organizations, human services, public service, government agencies and private firms that need and value diversity literacy. Graduates are employed at the Metropolitan Organization to Combat Sexual Assault (MOCSA), Planned Parenthood, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and more.

REGS, along with the departments of History and Foreign Languages and Literatures; the School of Nursing and Health Studies; the UMKC Women’s Center; and the UMKC Honors College, host a study abroad program in Senegal, West Africa. No language requirement. Learn more at info.umkc.edu/Senegal

For more information, please see https://cas.umkc.edu/race-ethnic-and-gender-studies/student-opportunities/

Departmental Activities
Advising System
Students who wish to major in Race, Ethnic, and Gender Studies (REGS) should seek advice from the department at the earliest possible time. Transfer students, including those from local community colleges, should see faculty advisors in the department prior to admission to UMKC. All full-time faculty members serve as department advisors, but lead roles are designated to particular faculty for each discipline. Individuals or Black Studies or Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies advising, contact Dr. Brenda Bethman at bethmanb@umkc.edu or Dr. Crystal Doss at dosscr@umkc.edu. For Latinx and Latin American Studies advising, contact Dr. Theresa Torres at torresth@umkc.edu.

Undergraduate
Black Studies Minor (http://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/academic-departments-programs/black-studies/black-studies-minor/)
Latinx and Latin American Studies Minor (http://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/academic-departments-programs/latinx-and-latin-american-studies/#undergraduatetext)
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Minor (http://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/academic-departments-programs/womens-gender-studies/minor-womens-gender-studies/)