**BACHELOR OF ARTS: THEATRE**

**University Requirements**

**General Education**
The UMKC General Education Core 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 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 section of the catalog.

**Exit Examinations**
Information on exit examinations and/or major field exams is available in the Undergraduate Academic Regulations and Information 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:

- Have the ability to analyze literary and theatrical values of world dramatic literature.
- Have the ability to communicate ideas in clear and correct writing.
- Have a fundamental understanding of the actor’s vocal instrument.
- Have the ability to identify a playable action and implement it in performance.
- Have the ability to work in collaboration with an ensemble of artists.
- Have a fundamental knowledge of research methods through which to gain an understanding of the circumstantial life of a character.
- Have a fundamental understanding of the foundational theatrical design process.
- Have the ability to communicate theatrical collaboration in a visual medium.
- Have a fundamental understanding of the actor’s physical instrument.

**Program Requirements**

**Program Specific Recommendations for UMKC General Education Core**

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<td>Discourse II: Culture and Diversity (Writing and Speech)</td>
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<td>Anchor III</td>
<td>Discourse III: Civic and Community Engagement (Speech and Writing)</td>
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Focus A (Satisfied in program requirements below)
Focus B (Satisfied in program requirements below)
Focus C (May be satisfied by the Constitution course requirement below)
Focus Elective

'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>CJC 364</td>
<td>The Supreme Court And The Criminal Process</td>
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<td>HISTORY 101</td>
<td>U.S. History to 1877 (Focus C) 1</td>
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<td>POL-SCI 210</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.

**Departmental Distribution Requirements**

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<td>Arts and Humanities Division of CAS or any UMKC Focus A Course 1</td>
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<td>Social and Behavioral Sciences Division of CAS or any UMKC Focus C Course</td>
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<td>Writing Intensive Course (300-level or above; Satisfied in program requirements below)</td>
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<td>Foreign Language (3rd Semester Level)</td>
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<td>MATH 110</td>
<td>Precalculus Algebra (or any 200-level or above Math/Stat course )</td>
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<td>or MATH 116</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: 28

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**

The main objective of the B.A. in Theatre is to give students a broad education. The degree requirements for the B.A. in Theatre furnish our majors with a well-rounded education in all aspects of theatre. While the program is broad in its scope, it allows students the opportunity to develop specific areas of interest by choosing from one of three interest areas.

**General Theatre Interest Area**

The general theatre interest area is for students who want the flexibility to explore all areas of theatre. They can choose from a wide variety of courses including stage management, design, performance and playwriting.

**Performance Interest Area**

Students interested in performance may select the performance area. Courses are geared toward students who want a professional career as an actor or want to prepare for placement in a top graduate program. Students receive instruction in voice, movement, acting, Shakespeare and specialty areas such as stage combat or physical theatre.

**Design/Tech Interest Area**

Students interested in areas of technical theatre and design are offered the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to work in the professional theatre or attend a top graduate school. Within this area students might choose to emphasize a particular area, such as scenic design, costume design, lighting design, sound design, or stage management.

**All Theatre Majors**

Production experience as well as internship opportunities give undergraduate theatre majors the chance to apply classroom theory to practical situations. Taking part as a crewmember, designer or performer in one of the departmental productions is an integral part of the theatre experience at UMKC. In a typical year there are two undergraduate productions in addition to as many as seven department productions, providing plenty of opportunity. The department also has relationships with many professional theatres. Internships and job opportunities frequently occur from these relationships.

Students must earn a grade of C- or above in all courses required by the major.

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>Introduction to the History of Art: Pyramids to Picasso</td>
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<td>CONSVTY 120</td>
<td>Music Appreciation</td>
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**Required Courses**

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<td>Introduction To Technical Production ¹</td>
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<td>THEATRE 130</td>
<td>Foundations Of Fine Arts Theatre</td>
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<td>THEATRE 210</td>
<td>Introduction To Design For The Theater</td>
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<td>Theatre History I</td>
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<td>THEATRE 378</td>
<td>Stage Management ¹</td>
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<td>THEATRE 403</td>
<td>Theatre Company &amp; Production (required every fall and spring of enrollment)</td>
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<td>THEATRE 415</td>
<td>Beginning Directing</td>
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<td>THEATRE 497</td>
<td>Repertory Theatre</td>
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**Interest Areas**

Undergraduates can choose from the following interest areas: 18

**General Theatre**

- THEATRE 300 Acting I (3 Hours)

Choose one of the following (3 Hours):

- THEATRE 317 Scene Design
- THEATRE 352 History of Costuming II
- THEATRE 371 Stage Lighting
- THEATRE 432 Costume Design
- THEATRE 476 Theatre Sound And Electronics

**Performance Electives (12 Hours)**

Take all of the following (18 Hours):
THEATRE 295  Speech For The Theatre I
THEATRE 298  Movement For Actors
THEATRE 300  Acting I
THEATRE 315  Acting II
THEATRE 325  Acting III
THEATRE 329  Master Class In Acting
THEATRE 340  Stage Makeup

Design/Technology
Choose one of the following (3 Hours):
THEATRE 101  Introduction To Acting
THEATRE 295  Speech For The Theatre I
THEATRE 298  Movement For Actors
THEATRE 300  Acting I

Choose from the following (15 Hours):
THEATRE 317  Scene Design
THEATRE 333  History of Costuming I
THEATRE 352  History of Costuming II
THEATRE 371  Stage Lighting
THEATRE 431  Rendering Techniques For The Theatre Designer I
THEATRE 432  Costume Design
THEATRE 476  Theatre Sound And Electronics
THEATRE 478  Stage Management II

Total Credits 56

Due to the number of shop/production hours required, THEATRE 113 and THEATRE 378 should be taken in different semesters.

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) 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.