

MAJOR AND MINOR 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. The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) strongly encourages students to consult faculty advisors and the UMKC Career Services Office counselors for assistance in choosing suitable academic and career goals. To select a major or minor, students must file a "Declaration of Major" form in the CAS Student Services Office, 9 Scofield Hall. For specific major or minor requirements, see the program requirements described in the appropriate academic departmental section of the catalog.

Degree Program Major

The undergraduate degree-seeking student in CAS must fulfill the requirements for a degree program (major) as specified in the appropriate part of this catalog. The minimum is 30 semester hours.

A minimum of 12 semester hours at the upper-level (300/400-level) in the degree program (major) must be earned in the major department at UMKC. A minimum of a C average in the major is required.

CAS encourages students to seek advising early in their academic careers regarding choice of a major. Students must file a formal "Declaration of Major" form in the CAS Student Services Office in order to declare or change their major.

Multiple Majors

See Multiple Major & Double Degree Policy (<http://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/graduation/multiple-major-double-degree-policy/>) under Undergraduate Regulations and Information.

Combined and Double Degree Programs

For information on Double Degree, see Multiple Major & Double Degree Policy (<http://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/graduation/multiple-major-double-degree-policy/>) under Undergraduate Regulations and Information.

In coordination with several of the professional schools, CAS students may earn combined degrees. Combined degree programs are offered in law and medicine. In the combined degree program, 30 credit hours in the professional schools may count toward the fulfillment of the baccalaureate degree. All degree requirements of the College must be fulfilled. The professional hours are generally considered upper-level elective (blanket) credit. In this manner, the two degrees are earned concurrently and the student's program is accelerated considerably. Students are advised to check with the advising offices of the appropriate schools before making their plans.

Minor Program

An academic minor in CAS is required for the bachelor of liberal arts program, but is optional for the bachelor of arts and bachelor of science programs, and should be declared no later than the beginning of the student's senior year.

A minimum of 18 hours is required in a minor area. At least nine of those hours must be upper-division courses. The courses and total number of hours are determined by the CAS department or interdisciplinary program granting the minor. A minimum of nine hours for the minor must be earned at UMKC.

A student interested in a minor should consult a faculty advisor. Minors offered in CAS include the following: actuarial science; anthropology; art history; art and visual communication; astronomy; studio art; bioethics and medical humanities; black studies; classical and ancient studies; communication studies; criminal justice and criminology; economics; English creative writing; English language and literature; English manuscript, print culture, and editing; English writing; environmental studies; environmental sustainability; film studies; French; geography; geology; German; German studies; gerontology; history; international studies; latinx and Latin American studies; mathematics; medieval and early modern studies; philosophy; physics; political science; psychology; sociology; Spanish; studio art; urban studies; and women's, gender, and sexuality studies.

Exceptions

Exceptions to CAS policies must be approved by the Academic Standards Committee of CAS. To seek exceptions, students must file a "Petition for Exception" form in the CAS Student Services Office, 9 Scofield Hall.