

BACHELOR OF MUSIC: MUSIC COMPOSITION

University Requirements

General Education

UMKC Essentials is the university-wide curriculum that all undergraduate students will complete. The 30-credit hour program includes a First Year Experience course; three critical thinking courses in the areas of Arts & Humanities, Natural & Physical Sciences, and Social & Behavioral Sciences; a Culture and Diversity course; a Civic & Urban Engagement course; two courses in Written Composition and one course in Oral Communication; and a Math Pathway course. Transfer students entering UMKC will elect from the UMKC Essentials General Education Program or the Missouri Core 42 General Education Curriculum. Academic advisors will meet with incoming transfer students to determine which option best serves the student's educational needs. More information about General Education may be found here: <https://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/general-education-requirements/> (<http://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/general-education-requirements/>)

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.

Exit Examinations

Information on exit examinations 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:

- Students will demonstrate their musical voice as creative artists.
- Student will master analytical and technical skills in music in a variety of media and genres.
- Students will collaborate with performers and other generative artists in the production of their works.
- Students will think independently in the development of a new work/composition.
- Students will utilize creative strategies to address musical problems

Major Status

Major status for the B.M. Music Composition degree is determined for new students (freshmen and transfer students) by the faculty through the standard Conservatory admissions process. Prospective Composition majors may enroll in up to four semesters of composition (CONSVTY 133, CONSVTY 134, CONSVTY 233 and CONSVTY 234). CONSVTY 234 is the final semester that a student can petition for major status.

Program Requirements

UMKC Essentials

Code	Title	Credits
First Semester Experience Course (GEFSE)		3
Written Communication:		
ENGLISH 110	Introduction to Academic Prose	3
ENGLISH 225	English II: Intermediate Academic Prose	3
Oral Communication (choose one of the following):		
COMM-ST 110	Fundamentals of Effective Speaking and Listening	3
COMM-ST 140	Introduction to Communication	
COMM-ST 212	Argumentation And Debate	
COMM-ST 277	Interpersonal Communication	
Math Pathway (choose one of the following):		
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MATH 116	Mathematics For Liberal Arts	
STAT 115	Statistical Reasoning	
MATH 110	Precalculus Algebra	
MATH 120	Precalculus	
Any 200-level MATH or STAT course		
ACT Math Sub-score of 28 or higher; or SAT Math Sub-score of 660 or higher		
Critical Thinking in Arts & Humanities (GECRT-AH; Satisfied in program requirements below)		
Critical Thinking in Natural & Physical Sciences (GECRT-SC)		3
Critical Thinking in Social & Behavioral Sciences (GECRT-SS)		3
Culture & Diversity Course (GECDDV)		3
Civic & Urban Engagement Course (GECUE)		3
Total Credits		27

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:

Code	Title	Credits
Choose one of the following:		
CJC 364	The Supreme Court And The Criminal Process	3
HISTORY 101	U.S. History to 1877	
HISTORY 102	U.S. History Since 1877	
HONORS 230	Honors American Government	
POL-SCI 210	American Government	
Total Credits		3

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.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
CONSVTY 151 (MUSE; satisfies GECRT-AH course requirement)		3
Musicianship		
CONSVTY 141	Musicianship I	4
CONSVTY 142	Musicianship II	4
CONSVTY 241	Musicianship III	4
CONSVTY 242	Musicianship IV	4
Keyboard Skills		
CONSVTY 110	Keyboard Skills I	1
CONSVTY 123	Keyboard Skills II	1
CONSVTY 223	Keyboard Skills III	1
Composition		
CONSVTY 133	Beginning Composition I	3
CONSVTY 134	Beginning Composition II	3
CONSVTY 233	Intermediate Composition I	3
CONSVTY 234	Intermediate Composition II	3

CONSVTY 333 or CONSVTY 335	Advanced Composition (Take 2 semesters) Electronic Music Composition	6
CONSVTY 433	Senior Composition	3
CONSVTY 434	Composition Capstone	3

Applied Lessons and Studio Class¹

Choose one of the following: 10

Applied Music Interest Area A: Complete level 101 through 301 in any single primary instrument offered by the Conservatory and enroll in the concurrent Studio Class.

Applied Music Interest Area B: Complete ten hours of primary and/or second instrument applied music courses and/or techniques classes.

Applied Music Interest Area C: Complete six hours of CONSVTY 335 (Electronic Music Composition) plus four hours of 100B level second instrument applied music courses and/or techniques classes.

Music History

CONSVTY 350A	Styles and Genres in Music	3
CONSVTY 350B	Methods in Musicology	3

Orchestration and Conducting

CONSVTY 431	Orchestration	3
CONSVTY 381 or CONSVTY 380	Basic Conducting - Instrumental Basic Conducting - Choral	2

Electronic Music

CONSVTY 235	Digital Media for Composing (Change to Digital Media for Composers)	3
CONSVTY 236	Music Performance Systems (Change to Music Performance Systems)	3

Ensemble²

Students must complete a total of 6 ensemble courses and may select from any ensemble offered by the Conservatory. 6

Advanced Theory

CONSVTY 390	Analysis ³	3
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Total Credits

82

Code	Title	Credits
General Electives ⁴		8

¹ Instrument: BASSOON, CELLO, CLARINET, EUPHONIUM, FLUTE, GUITAR, HORN, OBOE, PERCUSSION, PIANO, SAXOPHONE, STRING BASS, TROMBONE, TRUMPET, TUBA, VIOLA, VIOLIN, OR VOICE.

² While all BM Composition students must complete 6 ensemble courses, the total number of credit hours completed will depend upon the ensemble courses selected. Ensemble course options include: CONSVTY 301G, CONSVTY 302, CONSVTY 303MP, CONSVTY 306A, CONSVTY 306C, CONSVTY 307B, CONSVTY 307C, CONSVTY 308A

³ Or any advanced, upper-division theory course including, but not limited to: ear-training, counterpoint, or analysis.

⁴ Students wishing to pursue a career in teaching and/or academia are strongly encouraged to take Analysis (CONSVTY 390), Advanced Counterpoint CONSVTY 427, and Advanced Ear Training (CONSVTY 329).

Students wishing to pursue careers in the music industry are advised to take courses in recording, theater (composing and/or sound design), and/or other media.

Minimum Grade: C or better in all CONSVTY or Instrument specific coursework

GPA Minimum: 2.0

Total Credit Hours: 120

Tools for Planning and Fulfilling Academic Requirements

UMKC's Major Maps 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. Please see the tab above to view the major map for this program.

UMKC's Transfer Guides (<https://www.umkc.edu/transfer/transfer-credit/transfer-guides.html>) 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.

UMKC's PlanMyDegree 'Audit' (<https://www.umkc.edu/registrar/academic-programs/plan-my-degree.html>) degree audit system provides an individual evaluation of all degree requirements (General Education, Degree Specific, Major Specific, etc.) for students' officially recorded (Office of the Registrar) and "what if" exploratory plans of study. This evaluation is used to certify all graduation requirements.

UMKC's PlanMyDegree 'Plans' (<https://www.umkc.edu/registrar/academic-programs/plan-my-degree.html>) degree planning tool enables students to develop a personalized semester by semester plan of study towards completion of degree requirements for student's officially recorded (Office of the Registrar) and "what if" exploratory plans of study. Update and edit your full plan to degree completion each term and confirm accuracy each semester with your Academic Advisor(s).

Major Map

Four Year Graduation Plan - Courses & Critical Benchmarks for First Time College Students:

UMKC's Major Maps are detailed, undergraduate four-year course outlines that inform students on the classes they should take and when to take them. Outlines are updated yearly. Graduate students should visit their program's individual school for program outlines.

The following is a sample course of study. Your path to graduation may vary based on factors such as college credit you earned while in high school, transfer work from other institutions of higher learning, and placement in Mathematics. You are responsible for checking prerequisites to any courses. It is the Student's responsibility to ensure that all program requirements are met. This guide is not a substitute for academic advisement.

First Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
CONSVTY 133		3 CONSVTY 123 ^{CC}	1
CONSVTY 141 ^{CC}		4 CONSVTY 134	3
CONSVTY 110 ^{CC}		1 CONSVTY 142 ^{CC}	4
CONSVTY 3XX Ensemble		1 CONSVTY 151 (satisfies GECRT-AH course requirement)	3
Applied Lessons & Studio		2 CONSVTY 3XX Ensemble	1
ENGLISH 110		3 Applied Lessons & Studio	2
GEFSE 101		3 ENGLISH 225	3
		17	17

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
CONSVTY 233		3 CONSVTY 234	3
CONSVTY 241 ^{CC}		4 CONSVTY 242	4
CONSVTY 223 ^{CC}		1 CONSVTY 236	3
CONSVTY 3XX Ensemble		1 CONSVTY 3XX Ensemble	1
Applied Lessons & Studio		2 Applied Lessons & Studio	2
CONSVTY 235		3 GECRT-SS 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, or 111	3
COMM-ST 110, 140, or 277		3	
		17	16

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
CONSVTY 333 or 335		3 CONSVTY 335 or 333	3
CONSVTY 350A		3 CONSVTY 350B	3
CONSVTY 3XX Ensemble		1 CONSVTY 3XX Ensemble	1
Applied Lessons & Studio		2 GECDV 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, or 211	3
CONSVTY 390, 329, 427, or 428		3 MATH 116 or STAT 115	3

		General Elective		3
		12	16	
Fourth Year				
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	
CONSVTY 433		3 CONSVTY 434	3	
CONSVTY 431		3 HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210	3	
CONSVTY 380 or 381		2 General Elective (3XX/4XX if needed)	3	
GECRT-SC 101 or 102		3 General Elective	2	
GECUE 201, 203, 204, 205, 206, or 272		3		
		14	11	
Total Credits: 120				

CC Critical Courses provide feedback regarding major fit and help indicate likelihood of successful completion of chosen academic program and degree.

Recommendations to Maintain Progress toward 4-Year Degree Completion

- Completion of the First Semester Experience (FSE) course in first term.
- Early completion of Written Communication, Oral Communication, and Math Pathway requirements.
- Maintain the minimum GPA required for academic Good Standing for your degree program.
- Completion at least 15 credit hours toward degree each regular semester. (*Students may use the summer to ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten Fall and Spring course loads.*)
- Enrollment in Critical Courses as listed on the Major Map is recommended in order to maintain timely progress and completion of prerequisite coursework.
- Early and continuous enrollment in Foreign Language through completion of level required for degree program is recommended. (*The Foreign Language placement exam is highly recommended to ensure placement in the correct course level.*)
- Regular consultation with Academic Advisor(s) for program(s) of study is strongly recommended and may be required for some degree programs..

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