

BACHELOR OF MUSIC: JAZZ STUDIES

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:

- 1) Apply skills learned toward all areas of jazz performance, theory, and improvisation.
- 2) Create original arrangements (2 per year) that demonstrate a maturing creative "voice."
- 3) Create original compositions (2 per year) that demonstrate increasing growth and vision.
- 4) Apply learned skills toward entrepreneurship and career development.
- 5) Apply skills applicable to jazz pedagogy
- 6) Analyze jazz in historical, cultural, and stylistic contexts.

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):		
MATH 116	Mathematics For Liberal Arts	3
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 (GECDV)	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:		3
CJC 364	The Supreme Court And The Criminal Process	
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
Jazz Theory and Ear Training		
CONSVTY 311	Jazz Theory	2
CONSVTY 318	Jazz Ear Training and Listening	2
Jazz Keyboard		
CONSVTY 440	Jazz Keyboard Techniques I	1
CONSVTY 441	Jazz Keyboard Techniques II	1
Applied Lessons and Studio ¹		
Instrument 101J (Freshman Instrument I-Jazz)		3
Instrument 102J (Freshman Instrument II-Jazz)		3
Instrument 201J (Sophomore Instrument I-Jazz)		3
Instrument 202J (Sophomore Instrument II-Jazz)		3
Instrument 301J (Junior Instrument I-Jazz)		4
Instrument 302J (Junior Instrument II-Jazz)		4
Instrument 401J (Senior Instrument I-Jazz)		4
Instrument 402J (Senior Instrument II-Jazz)		4
Jazz History		
CONSVTY 353A	History And Development Of Jazz I	3
CONSVTY 353B	History and Development of Jazz II	3

Big Band and Combo ²		
CONSVTY 303E	Jazz Workshop	8
CONSVTY 303B or CONSVTY 303G or CONSVTY 303J	Jazz Band Jazz Orchestra Large Ensemble Rhythm Section Workshop	8
Improv		
CONSVTY 104	Jazz Improvisation I	2
CONSVTY 204	Jazz Improvisation II	2
CONSVTY 304	Jazz Improvisation III	2
CONSVTY 404	Jazz Improvisation IV	2
Jazz Arranging, Business, and Pedagogy		
CONSVTY 423	Business Jazz And Commercial Music	3
CONSVTY 202	Basic Techniques of Audio Recording I	3
CONSVTY 471	Jazz/Commercial Music Pedagogy	2
CONSVTY 426B	Jazz Arranging for Small Ensembles	2
CONSVTY 426D	Jazz Arranging for Big Bands	2
General Musicianship		
CONSVTY 110	Keyboard Skills I	1
CONSVTY 123	Keyboard Skills II	1
CONSVTY 141	Musicianship I	4
CONSVTY 142	Musicianship II	4
Total Credits		89

¹ Instrument: GUITAR, PERCUSSION, PIANO, SAXOPHONE, STRING BASS, TROMBONE, or TRUMPET

² Students must register for a large jazz ensemble and small jazz combo every semester enrolled for a total of 16 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
General Electives		1

Grade Minimum: C or better in all CONSVTY and 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 141 ^{CC}		4 Instrument 102J	3
CONSVTY 110 ^{CC}		1 CONSVTY 303B, 303G, or 303J	1
Instrument 101J		3 CONSVTY 303E	1
CONSVTY 303B, 303G, or 303J		1 CONSVTY 151 (Satisfies GECRT-AH)	3
CONSVTY 303E		1 CONSVTY 142 ^{CC}	4
ENGLISH 110		3 CONSVTY 123	1
GEFSE 101		3 ENGLISH 225	3
		16	16

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
Instrument 201J		3 Instrument 202J	3
CONSVTY 303B, 303G, or 303J		1 CONSVTY 303B, 303G, or 303J	1
CONSVTY 303E		1 CONSVTY 303E	1
CONSVTY 104		2 CONSVTY 204	2
CONSVTY 311		2 CONSVTY 318	2
COMM-ST 110, 140, or 277		3 CONSVTY 441	1
CONSVTY 440		1 GECRT-SC 101, 102, or 103	3
MATH 116 or STAT 115		3 GECRT-SS 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, or 111	3
		16	16

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
Instrument 301J		4 Instrument 302J	4
CONSVTY 303B, 303G, or 303J		1 CONSVTY 303B, 303G, or 303J	1
CONSVTY 303E		1 CONSVTY 303E	1
CONSVTY 304		2 CONSVTY 404	2
CONSVTY 353A		3 CONSVTY 353B	3
CONSVTY 202		3 GECDV 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, or 211	3
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Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
Instrument 401J		4 Instrument 402J	4
CONSVTY 303B, 303G, or 303J		1 CONSVTY 303B, 303G, or 303J	1
CONSVTY 303E		1 CONSVTY 303E	1

CONSVTY 426B	2	CONSVTY 426D	2
CONSVTY 423	3	CONSVTY 471	2
General Elective	1	GECUE 201, 203, 204, 205, 206, or 272	3
HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210	3		
	15		13

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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