

BACHELOR OF MUSIC: MUSIC THEORY

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:

- Demonstrate music-theoretical knowledge in writing about music
- Use music-theoretical knowledge in academic and public communication about music.
- Use music-theoretical knowledge and ideas to create self-driven original research and analytical works.

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):		3
COMM-ST 110	Fundamentals of Effective Speaking and Listening	
COMM-ST 140	Introduction to Communication	
COMM-ST 212	Argumentation And Debate	
COMM-ST 277	Interpersonal Communication	
Math Pathway (choose one of the following):		3
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 (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
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
CONSVTY 310	Keyboard Skills IV	1
Applied Lessons and Studio Class ¹		
Instrument 300 (6 semesters, Studio)		
Instrument 101 (Freshman Instrument I)		2
Instrument 102 (Freshman Instrument II)		2
Instrument 201 (Sophomore Instrument I)		2
Instrument 202 (Sophomore Instrument II)		2
Instrument 301 (Junior Instrument I)		2
Instrument 302 (Junior Instrument II)		2
Music History		
CONSVTY 350A	Styles and Genres in Music	3
CONSVTY 350B	Methods in Musicology	3

Ensemble		6
6 semesters from the following		
CONSVTY 302	Orchestra	
CONSVTY 303MP	Improvisational Music/Media Performance Ensemble	
CONSVTY 306A	Conservatory Wind Ensemble	
CONSVTY 306C	Wind Symphony	
CONSVTY 307B	UMKC Choral Union	
CONSVTY 307C	Conservatory Singers	
CONSVTY 308A	Conservatory Concert Choir	
Analysis, Orchestration and Conducting		
CONSVTY 329	Advanced Ear Training	2
CONSVTY 380	Basic Conducting - Choral	2
or CONSVTY 381	Basic Conducting - Instrumental	
CONSVTY 331	Instrumentation	2
CONSVTY 390	Analysis	3
CONSVTY 427	18th-Century Counterpoint	2
CONSVTY 428	Introduction to Post-Tonal Theory	3
Advanced Theory		
CONSVTY 454	Advanced Seminar in Music Theory	3
CONSVTY 491K	Pedagogy of Music Theory	3
CONSVTY 498	Research Problems	2
Electives and Languages		
General or Music Electives		15
FRENCH 110	Elementary French I	6
& FRENCH 120	and Elementary French II	
or GERMAN 110	Elementary German I	
& GERMAN 120	and Elementary German II	
or ITALIAN 110	Elementary Italian I	
& ITALIAN 120	and Elementary Italian II	
Total Credits		90

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

Students must demonstrate functional piano facility, aural skills and satisfactory part-writing and analysis proficiency.

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

GPA Minimum: 2.0 (Students not maintaining this minimum average may not graduate until an appropriate class or classes are retaken and the minimum average achieved.)

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/admissions/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 CONSVTY 142 ^{CC}	4
CONSVTY 110 ^{CC}		1 CONSVTY 123 ^{CC}	1
Instrument 101		2 Instrument 102	2
Instrument 300		0 Instrument 300	0
CONSVTY 3XX Ensemble		1 CONSVTY 3XX Ensemble	1
GEFSE 101		3 CONSVTY 151	3
ENGLISH 110		3 ENGLISH 225	3
		MATH 116 or STAT 115	3
		14	17

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
CONSVTY 241 ^{CC}		4 CONSVTY 242	4
CONSVTY 223 ^{CC}		1 CONSVTY 310	1
Instrument 201		2 Instrument 202	2
Instrument 300		0 Instrument 300	0
CONSVTY 3XX Ensemble		1 CONSVTY 3XX Ensemble	1
COMM-ST 110, 140, or 277		3 GECRT-SC 101 or 102	3
GECRT-SS 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, or 111		3 General Elective	3
		14	14

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
CONSVTY 350A		3 CONSVTY 350B	3
Instrument 301		2 Instrument 302	2
Instrument 300		0 Instrument 300	0
CONSVTY 3XX Ensemble		1 CONSVTY 3XX Ensemble	1
CONSVTY 390		3 CONSVTY 331	2
CONSVTY 380 or 381		2 FRENCH 120, GERMAN 120, or ITALIAN 120	3
CONSVTY 427		2 GECDV 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, or 210	3

FRENCH 110, GERMAN 110, or ITALIAN 110	3	General Elective	3
	16		17

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
CONSVTY 428		3 CONSVTY 329	2
GECUE 201, 203, 204, 205, or 272		3 CONSVTY 491K	3
HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210		3 CONSVTY 454	3
General Elective		3 CONSVTY 498	2
General Elective		3 General Elective	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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