

# BACHELOR OF ARTS: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

## 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 course in Culture and Diverse Perspectives; a course in Civic & Urban Engagement; 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 on the General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/general-education-requirements/>) page.

### 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 (<https://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'.

## Admission to the Teacher Education Professional Program

Initial admission at the freshman or sophomore level will be as a pre-professional early childhood education major to the School of Education, Social Work, and Psychological Sciences in accordance with regular UMKC admissions standards.

The application process to the professional Teacher Education program occurs in the Spring semester, with admission to the professional program occurring in the Fall semester only. Current UMKC students seeking entry into professional Teacher Education program in early childhood should apply for admission during the Spring semester prior to when they anticipate completion of the majority of their pre-professional coursework.

Transfer students who enter with 60 credit hours or an earned associate's degree may be admitted directly into the professional teacher preparation program in early childhood provided that they meet all program requirements listed below. Applicant transcripts will be reviewed to ensure that students have completed pre-professional courses. If a student is missing specific required courses, the student will be advised to take them upon entry into UMKC. Complete transfer student applications, including submission of the Missouri Substitute Teacher Certification, must be received two weeks prior to the start of the fall semester in order for an applicant to be considered for entry into the professional program. Transfer students who do not meet these requirements may enter as a pre-professional major with opportunity to be considered for the professional program at a later date.

Full admission into the profession-level Teacher Education program requires:

- Completion of pre-professional requirements with a GPA of 3.0 or higher in all TCH-ED courses and 2.75 or higher overall (cumulative).
- Completion of interview with TCH-ED faculty (to be scheduled once the intention to apply survey is submitted or complete transfer application is received).
- Completion of all General Education classes.
- Missouri Substitute Teacher Certification.

Admission into the profession-level Teacher Education program in early childhood also requires:

- Completion of tuberculosis (TB) test.
- Completion of Missouri Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) screening.

For more information, visit <https://seswps.umkc.edu/current-students/how-to-become-a-teacher/teacher-education-application.html>

Students admitted to the Teacher Education program are required to complete practicums within one of the School of Education's nine partner districts (Center School District, Kansas City MO Public Schools, Kansas City KS public schools, Grandview, Hickman Mills, Independence, North Kansas City, Raytown, Turner and public charter schools located within Kansas City MO Public School boundaries). All Teacher Education programs

require students to complete at least a semester-long student teaching experience. During student teaching, students are under the guidance of cooperating mentor teachers and members of the University's education staff. Weekly seminars are a required part of the program.

NOTE: During the student teaching semester, teacher candidates follow the school district's calendar, not the UMKC academic/semester calendar. Teacher candidates begin student teaching according to the school district's calendar and not the first day of the UMKC academic/semester calendar.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

- Understand how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.
- Understand of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.
- Work with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.
- Understand the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.
- Understand how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.
- Understand and use multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's decision making.
- Plan instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.
- Understand and use a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.
- Engage in ongoing professional learning and use evidence to continually evaluate their practice, particularly the effects of their choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner.
- Seek appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.

The student learning outcomes for the BA in Early Childhood Education program listed above reflect the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards that are required as the basis for teacher preparation programs by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

## Program Requirements

Completion of this program leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree in the School of Education, Social Work and Psychological Sciences. Contingent upon satisfactory completion of all degree coursework and state testing requirements, teacher candidates may be eligible for certification upon recommendation of the Teacher Education faculty.

A 3.00 cumulative GPA and 3.00 professional education GPA is required at completion of the program. Grades of C (2.00) or better are required in pre-education and professional education courses. Prospective students and teacher candidates should meet each semester with an academic advisor to determine specific course requirements.

The School of Education, Social Work and Psychological Sciences requires all teacher candidates to have current professional liability insurance during all field experiences and student teaching. Verification of current professional liability insurance must be provided to the Education Student Services office. Insurance can be obtained through "student membership" in an educational organization (e.g., MSTA or NEA) that provides such insurance or purchased coverage through an independent insurance agent. The University does not promote membership in any specific educational organization.

Candidates admitted to the Professional Teacher Education Program must uphold all academic and social regulations and policies established by the School of Education, Social Work, and Psychological Sciences. **Candidates are subject to any Missouri legislative action or State Board of Education policy that may become effective during the lifetime of this catalog.** The responsibility of the School of Education, Social Work and Psychological Sciences is to recommend qualified candidates for licensure to the state and to ensure our candidates meet or exceed these requirements. While the degree programs outlined in the catalog are aligned with state requirements, certification is dependent on both the degree requirements and successful completion of all state assessments required by the Missouri State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

## 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 (offered via dual credit only)	
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 (5 credit hours)	
Any 200-level MATH or STAT course		
ACT Math Subscore of 28 or higher; or SAT Math Subscore of 660 or higher		
Critical Thinking in Arts & Humanities (GECRT-AH)		3
Critical Thinking in Natural & Physical Sciences (GECRT-SC)		3
Critical Thinking in Social & Behavioral Sciences (GECRT-SS)		3
Culture & Diverse Perspectives (GECDV)		3
Civic & Urban Engagement (GECUE)		3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

## 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	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

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 bachelor's 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.

## Pre-Professional Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Coursework Required before Admission to the Teacher Education Professional Program</b>		
TCH-ED 130	Number Systems and Related Topics <sup>1,2</sup>	3

TCH-ED 150	Foundations of Urban Education	3
TCH-ED 201	Children's Literature <sup>1,2</sup>	3
TCH-ED 203	Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood Education	3
TCH-ED 251 or TCH-ED 400	Child and Adolescent Development for Future Educators Child Development	3
TCH-ED 385	Teaching and Learning with Technology	3
TCH-ED 403	Educational Psychology	3
TCH-ED 404	Education of the Exceptional Child and Youth	3
TCH-ED 440	Introduction To Early Childhood Education	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>27</b>

<sup>1</sup> For student's completing the Core 42 general education curriculum, TCH-ED 130 will be satisfied upon successful completion of the MOTR (Natural Sciences) knowledge area requirement; TCH-ED 160 will be satisfied upon successful completion of the MOTR (Social Sciences) knowledge area requirement; TCH-ED 201 will be satisfied upon successful completion of the MOTR (Arts and Humanities) knowledge area requirement. Please see the degree audit for specifics.

<sup>2</sup> Students transferring with a Completed Core 42 curriculum at a participating Missouri institution, or an Associate of Arts degree from any regionally accredited institution will be waived from TCH-ED 130, TCH-ED 160, and TCH-ED 201.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Coursework Required for the Teacher Education Professional Program</b>		
<b>Block 1</b>		
TCH-ED 333	Learning Environments: Birth to Grade 3	3
TCH-ED 441	Language Development	3
TCH-ED 451	Child Guidance in Early Childhood Classrooms	3
TCH-ED 457	Infant and Toddler Care and Education	3
TCH-ED 444	Mathematics in Early Childhood I	3
TCH-ED 480	Practicum I Early Childhood	1
<b>Block 2</b>		
TCH-ED 445	Science In Early Childhood	3
TCH-ED 446	Early Childhood Creative Activities	3
TCH-ED 447	Social Studies in Early Childhood	3
TCH-ED 443	Mathematics in Early Childhood II	3
TCH-ED 483	Early Childhood Literacy I	4
TCH-ED 481	Practicum II Early Childhood	1
<b>Block 3</b>		
TCH-ED 311	Curriculum and Learning Theory	3
TCH-ED 438	Culturally Responsive Strategies for Teaching Diverse Learners	3
TCH-ED 442	Assessment, Screening, and Data-Informed Early Childhood Teaching	3
TCH-ED 452	Family and Program Relationships in Early Childhood Education	3
TCH-ED 484	Early Childhood Literacy II	4
TCH-ED 487	Practicum III - Early Childhood	1
<b>Block 4</b>		
TCH-ED 456	Student Teaching in Early Childhood	9
TCH-ED 486	Seminar - Early Childhood	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>62</b>

**Minimum GPA: 3.0**

**Total Credit Hours: 122**

## 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).

## Licensure Disclosure

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UMKC's teacher preparation program is approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and holds accreditation with the Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP). Students who complete one of our teacher preparation programs are highly recommended to apply for Missouri's initial certification whether one plans to reside in Missouri or not. Regulations for each state provide licensing options to guarantee access to start who hold a valid initial license from the state a student completed an approved preparation program, and some require licensure in hand from the state in which the teacher preparation program was completed.

This Disclosure is limited to our best ability to determine whether our curriculum would sufficiently meet the educational requirements for certification in another State as an early childhood educator. Comparability of state licensing will be based on official, approved compilation of rules and regulations. Students may need to complete additional requirements, such as, coursework, assessment, background checks or classroom experience before receiving full certification. A provisional license may be awarded while students complete these requirements. Please contact the state agency where you plan to licensure before relocating to ensure you are fully aware of all licensure requirements.

UMKC strongly recommends that students review the applicable licensure board(s) in their state of residence or in the state where they intend to obtain a license before beginning an academic program that results in licensure or certification and prior to beginning any practicum/internship. See UMKC's Professional Licensure Disclosures (<https://www.umkc.edu/provost/academics/professional-licensure-disclosures.html>) page for more information.

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### States in Which the Curriculum Meets the Educational Requirements for Licensure

AL\*, AK\*, American Samoa\*\*, AZ\*, AR\*, CA\*, CO, CT, DE\*, DC\*, Federated States of Micronesia\*\*, FL, GA, Guam, HI, ID\*\*, IL\*, IN, IA\*, KS, KY\*, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN\*, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV\*, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC\*, ND\*, Northern Mariana Islands, OH, OK, OR\*, PA, PR, Republic of Marshall Islands\*\*, Republic of Palau\*\*, RI, SC, SD\*, TN, TX\*, USVI, UT\*, VT\*, VA, WA, WV\*, WI, WY.

### States in Which the Curriculum Does Not Meet the Educational Requirements for Licensure

N/A.

\* Must hold Missouri licensure.

\*\* No licensure exists.

## 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**

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
TCH-ED 150 <sup>CC</sup>		3 TCH-ED 130	3
ENGLISH 110		3 TCH-ED 203	3
GEFSE 101		3 COMM-ST 110, 140, or 277	3
GECRT-SS 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, or 111		3 GECRT-AH 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, or 114	3
MATH 116 or STAT 115		3 HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Second Year**

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
TCH-ED 201		3 TCH-ED 251 or 400	3
TCH-ED 440 <sup>CC</sup>		3 TCH-ED 403	3
ENGLISH 225		3 TCH-ED 404	3
GECRT-SC 101, 102, or 103		3 TCH-ED 441	3
GECDV 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, or 211		3 GECUE 201, 203, 204, 205, 206, or 272	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Third Year**

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
TCH-ED 333		3 TCH-ED 443	3
TCH-ED 385		3 TCH-ED 445	3
TCH-ED 444		3 TCH-ED 446	3
TCH-ED 451		3 TCH-ED 447	3
TCH-ED 457		3 TCH-ED 483	4
TCH-ED 480		1 TCH-ED 481	1
		<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>

**Fourth Year**

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
TCH-ED 311		3 TCH-ED 486	3
TCH-ED 438		3 TCH-ED 456	9
TCH-ED 442		3	
TCH-ED 452		3	
TCH-ED 484		4	
TCH-ED 487		1	
		<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>

**Total Credits: 122**

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.
- 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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## Milestones

### Year 1

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Login to ( <a href="https://planmydegree.umkc.edu/selfserviceK/general/home.html">https://planmydegree.umkc.edu/selfserviceK/general/home.html</a> ) <b>PlanMyDegree</b> :	Login to ( <a href="https://planmydegree.umkc.edu/selfserviceK/general/home.html">https://planmydegree.umkc.edu/selfserviceK/general/home.html</a> ) <b>PlanMyDegree</b> :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review your degree audit in <b>PlanMyDegree</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review your degree audit in <b>PlanMyDegree</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an academic plan for the Spring semester in <b>PlanMyDegree</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an academic plan for Year 2 in <b>PlanMyDegree</b></li> </ul>
Schedule appointment with Academic Advisor to review Academic Plan and obtain Spring semester approval to ( <a href="https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html">https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html</a> ) <b>release advising hold</b> .	Schedule appointment with Academic Advisor to review Academic Plan and Year 2 approval to ( <a href="https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html">https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html</a> ) <b>release advising hold</b> .
Complete the ( <a href="https://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/graduation/civics-exam/">https://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/graduation/civics-exam/</a> ) <b>Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Exam</b> .	Visit a faculty member during <b>office hours/student drop-in hours</b> to discuss their research.
Activate your ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/students/handshake.html">https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/students/handshake.html</a> ) <b>Handshake</b> account and take a look at on-campus positions.	Attend a ( <a href="https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new/">https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new/</a> ) <b>Resume Workshop</b> , <b>Resume Blitz</b> , or have a <b>Resume Appointment</b> with Career Services.
Take one of the following ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/students/online-resources.html">https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/students/online-resources.html</a> ) <b>assessments</b> to get a better understanding of yourself: <b>Clifton Strengths</b> , <b>Focus2</b> , or <b>Agile Work Profiler</b> .	Attend an ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/">https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/</a> ) <b>Employer Information Session</b> or <b>Networking in the 816</b> event.
Attend the ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/">https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/</a> ) <b>Fall Jobs &amp; Internship Fair</b> or the <b>STEM Fair</b> to understand who is recruiting UMKC students.	Schedule a ( <a href="https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/appointments/new/">https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/appointments/new/</a> ) <b>Choosing a Career Path / College Major</b> appointment with a career coach to reflect on your major and see that it is in-line with career paths you are interested in.
Attend ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/events/convocation.html">https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/events/convocation.html</a> ) <b>Convocation</b> and <b>Roo Welcome Events</b> .	Attend events and explore ( <a href="https://roogroups.umkc.edu/home_login/">https://roogroups.umkc.edu/home_login/</a> ) <b>RooGroups</b> .
Join a ( <a href="https://roogroups.umkc.edu/home_login/">https://roogroups.umkc.edu/home_login/</a> ) <b>student organization</b> . (find them via RooGroups)	Attend ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/programs/">https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/programs/</a> ) <b>Leadership Workshops</b> through the Office of Student Involvement.
Attend an <b>Undergraduate Research Symposium</b> (August-SUROP or November).	Attend UMKC's Annual <b>Undergraduate Research Symposium</b> (April).
Investigate on-campus ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-resources/more-research-opportunities.html">https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-resources/more-research-opportunities.html</a> ) <b>Undergraduate Research employment opportunities</b> (work-study funded UR Associates or grant-funded).	Enroll in a ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/">https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/</a> ) <b>EUReka</b> class (UMKC Essentials or lower-level in your MAP).
Join a <b>journal club</b> or <b>research-focused student group</b> , if offered in your dept/unit.	Identify ( <a href="https://net2.umkc.edu/intapps/ur-links/">https://net2.umkc.edu/intapps/ur-links/</a> ) <b>potential faculty mentors</b> in your major (UR-Linked or Dept/Unit Web sites).
Connect with ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/msa/scholar-programs/">https://www.umkc.edu/msa/scholar-programs/</a> ) <b>Emerging Research Scholars</b> in Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA).	Attend a <b>research lecture</b> or <b>creative presentation</b> in your major.

### Thinking Ahead

Explore summer enrollment to get caught up or get ahead.

Explore study abroad opportunities with the Study Abroad and Global Engagement Office. (<https://www.umkc.edu/study-abroad/>)

Explore national competitive awards and scholarships. (<https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/awards/>)



Gain a general understanding of career outcomes for your chosen/desired majors.

Identify 2-3 career options.

Keep track of involvement using UMKC's Co-Curricular Transcript system. (<https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/programs/co-curricular-engagement.html>)

## Year 2

### Fall Semester

Login to (<https://planmydegree.umkc.edu/selfserviceK/general/home.html>) **PlanMyDegree**:

- Review your degree audit in **PlanMyDegree**
- Review and continue working on your academic plan in **PlanMyDegree**

Schedule appointment with Academic Advisor to review Academic Plan and obtain Spring semester approval to (<https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html>) **release advising hold**.

Attend the (<https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/>) **Fall Jobs & Internship Fair** or any **career fair** to identify internship opportunities / hiring windows.

Have an employer or Career Coach review your (<https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/appointments/new/>) **resume**.

Consider applying for an ([https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/postings/pending/?page=1&per\\_page=25](https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/postings/pending/?page=1&per_page=25) OR <https://www.umkc.edu/research/>) **on/off-campus internship** or **research opportunity**.

Take on a (<https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/student-organizations/>) **Leadership role** in a student organization or project team.

Attend an **Undergraduate Research Symposium** (August-SUROP or November).

Enroll in a (<https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/>) **EUREKA** class (UMKC Essentials or lower-level in your MAP).

Investigate on-campus (<https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-resources/more-research-opportunities.html>) **Undergraduate Research** employment opportunities (work-study funded UR Associates or grant-funded).

Meet with **potential faculty research mentors** in your major.

Investigate off-campus (<https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-resources/more-research-opportunities.html>) **Undergraduate Research** opportunities.

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Explore national competitive awards and scholarships. (<https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/awards/>)

Identify three internships or research opportunities that match your major and career goals.

## Year 3

### Fall Semester

Review your degree audit and academic plan in **PlanMyDegree** to ensure you are on track for anticipated graduation date.

Schedule an appointment or confirm enrollment plans as required with academic advisor to (<https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html>) **release advising hold**.

### Spring Semester

Login to (<https://planmydegree.umkc.edu/selfserviceK/general/home.html>) **PlanMyDegree**:

- Review your degree audit in **PlanMyDegree**
- Build out your academic plan through graduation in **PlanMyDegree**

Schedule appointment with Academic Advisor to review Academic Plan and ensure all program requirements are planned and obtain plan approval to (<https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html>) **release advising hold**.

Attend an (<https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/>) **Employer Information Session** or **Networking in the 816** event.

Take part in a (<https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/job-shadowing.html>) **job shadowing experience** or a **site visit**.

Attend any (<https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/events/?collection=ALL&categories=5&eventFormat=HYBRID&sort=RELEVANCE>) **fair**.

Connect with (<https://www.umkc.edu/financial-wellness/>) **Financial Wellness Center** and attend financial literacy workshops.

Attend UMKC's **Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium** (April).

Enroll in a (<https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/>) **EUREKA** class (UMKC Essentials or lower-level in your MAP).

**Develop a plan** with your faculty research mentor for years three and four.

### Thinking Ahead

Explore summer enrollment to get caught up or get ahead.

Explore study abroad opportunities with the Study Abroad and Global Engagement Office. (<https://www.umkc.edu/study-abroad/>)

Explore national competitive awards and scholarships. (<https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/awards/>)

Identify three internships or research opportunities that match your major and career goals.

### Spring Semester

### Fall Semester

Review your degree audit and academic plan in **PlanMyDegree** to ensure you are on track for anticipated graduation date.

Schedule an appointment or confirm enrollment plans as required with academic advisor to (<https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html>) **release advising hold**.

Submit (<https://www.umkc.edu/registrar/academic-programs/graduation/>) **application for graduation** at the completion of 90 hours in Pathway.



Attend the ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/">https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/</a> ) <b>Fall Jobs &amp; Internship Fair</b> or any career fair to discuss internship opportunities with employers.	Meet with an employer for an informational interview. ( <a href="https://cdn.careers.bloch.umkc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/130/2021/08/Bloch-Informational-Interviewing.pdf">https://cdn.careers.bloch.umkc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/130/2021/08/Bloch-Informational-Interviewing.pdf</a> )
Attend a workshop or appointment about ( <a href="https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new/">https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new/</a> ) <b>Cover Letters and LinkedIn</b> .	Attend a Networking workshop or a ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/">https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/</a> ) <b>Networking in the 816</b> event.
Apply to a minimum of 3 internships that are in-line with your major / career goals. ( <a href="https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/postings/pending/?page=1&amp;per_page=25">https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/postings/pending/?page=1&amp;per_page=25</a> )	Attend any ( <a href="https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/events/?collection=ALL&amp;categories=5&amp;eventFormat=HYBRID&amp;sort=RELEVANCE">https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/events/?collection=ALL&amp;categories=5&amp;eventFormat=HYBRID&amp;sort=RELEVANCE</a> ) <b>fair</b> .
Run for ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/student-organizations/">https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/student-organizations/</a> ) <b>executive positions</b> in student organizations.	Attend ( <a href="https://sgs.umkc.edu/admissions/gradroo.html">https://sgs.umkc.edu/admissions/gradroo.html</a> ) <b>Grad Roo Fair</b> .
Apply for ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-grants/">https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-grants/</a> ) <b>on/off-campus research opportunities</b> , including <b>SEARCH</b> .	Apply for ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-grants/">https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-grants/</a> ) <b>on/off-campus research opportunities</b> , including <b>SUROP</b> .
Enroll in upper-level ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/">https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/</a> ) <b>EUREKA</b> Course in your major (investigate senior thesis options in your major).	Enroll in upper-level ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/">https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/</a> ) <b>EUREKA</b> Course in your major (investigate senior thesis options in your major).
<b>Conduct research</b> with support of faculty mentor.	<b>Conduct research</b> with support of faculty mentor.
Present at UMKC's ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/">https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/</a> ) <b>Fall Research Symposium</b> .	Apply for ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/recognition/">https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/recognition/</a> ) <b>Undergraduate Research Fellow</b> transcript designation (March 1 deadline).
<b>Investigate opportunities to present your research</b> at regional or national conferences.	Present at UMKC's ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/">https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/</a> ) <b>Annual Symposium of Undergrad Research</b> in April.

### Thinking Ahead

- Explore summer enrollment to get caught up or get ahead.
- Explore national competitive awards and scholarships. (<https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/awards/>)
- Establish one to two contacts in your desired industry.
- Complete an internship / employment opportunity related to your major / career goals.

## Year 4

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Review your degree audit and academic plan in <b>PlanMyDegree</b> to ensure all requirements are planned by anticipated graduation date.	Review your degree audit and academic plan in <b>PlanMyDegree</b> to ensure all requirements are planned by anticipated graduation date.
Schedule an appointment or confirm enrollment plans as required with academic advisor to ( <a href="https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html">https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html</a> ) <b>release advising hold</b> .	Take ( <a href="https://net3.umkc.edu/intapps/exitexams/Home.aspx">https://net3.umkc.edu/intapps/exitexams/Home.aspx</a> ) <b>UMKC HEIghten Exam</b> .
Attend the ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/">https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/</a> ) <b>Fall Jobs &amp; Internship Fair</b> or the <b>STEM fair</b> to identify jobs to apply to.	Pay close attention to email for information about <b>Graduation Fair</b> and <b>Commencement Exercises</b> .
Attend a workshop or appointment about Job Searching. ( <a href="https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new/">https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new/</a> )	Attend a Networking workshop or a ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/">https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/</a> ) <b>Networking in the 816</b> event.
Have a ( <a href="https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new/">https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new/</a> ) <b>mock interview</b> appointment with a Career Coach.	Attend any ( <a href="https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/events/?collection=ALL&amp;categories=5&amp;eventFormat=HYBRID&amp;sort=RELEVANCE">https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/events/?collection=ALL&amp;categories=5&amp;eventFormat=HYBRID&amp;sort=RELEVANCE</a> ) <b>fair</b> .
Serve on one or more <b>student advisory boards</b> .	Attend a ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/commencement/">https://www.umkc.edu/commencement/</a> ) <b>senior send-off</b> and <b>Commencement-related events</b> .
Apply for ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-grants/">https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-grants/</a> ) <b>on/off-campus research opportunities</b> , including <b>SEARCH</b> .	<b>Apply</b> to a minimum of 5 jobs or <b>submit applications</b> to professional / graduate programs as needed.
<b>Conduct research</b> with support of faculty mentor.	<b>Conduct research</b> with support of faculty mentor.
Request nomination for ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/undergraduate-research-day-at-the-capitol/">https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/undergraduate-research-day-at-the-capitol/</a> ) <b>Undergraduate Research Day @ the Capitol</b> (URD@C) from your faculty mentor (November 1 deadline).	Present Your Research at <b>UMKC's Annual Symposium of Undergraduate Research</b> (April) or at a regional or national conference in your discipline.
Present Your Research at ( <a href="https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/">https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/</a> ) <b>Fall UR Symposium</b> or at a regional or national conference in your discipline.	In Canvas, complete all requirements in your <b>Graduation Checklist</b> (will appear in the second 8 weeks of the semester).

**Feature research accomplishments** on résumé or grad/professional school **Celebrate your awesomeness!** applications.

#### Thinking Ahead

Successfully obtain full-time work or graduate school admission and report your outcome in 12Twenty. (<https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/students/12twenty.html>)

Give back by speaking at student leadership panels or participating in alumni events.