

# ABOUT THE BLOCH SCHOOL

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## Degree Programs

The Bloch School offers the degrees of Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Science in Accounting (B.S.A.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Master of Science in Accounting (M.S.A.), Master of Science in Finance (M.S.F.), and Master of Science in Entrepreneurial Real Estate (M.S.E.R.E.). Within the MBA program there are Executive M.B.A. (E.M.B.A.) and Professional M.B.A. offerings. Graduate Certificates in Business Analytics, Commercial Real Estate, and Technology Innovation and Management are offered. A Certificate in Technology Innovation and Management is available at the undergraduate level. The Department of Public Affairs also has a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Innovation, a Graduate Certificate in Urban Policy Administration and a Graduate Certificate in Health Leadership. Additionally, the Bloch School has two joint degree programs with the UMKC School of Law, the J.D./M.B.A. and the J.D./M.P.A. degrees, and participates in the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program. The Bloch School also offers business and entrepreneurship minors.

## History

The University has offered business courses since 1933. In 1953, with the support and encouragement of the Kansas City community, the School of Business Administration was established. Since that time, the Bloch School has grown to a student body of 1900, and a faculty of approximately 50 professional educators. In January 1988, the School was renamed for Henry W. Bloch, co-founder of H&R Block, and moved into a newly expanded building. In 2010, the School officially changed its name to the Henry W. Bloch School of Management to reflect our differentiation as a school that integrates business management, public administration and the infusion of a global, innovative and entrepreneurial mindset. In the fall of 2013, the School opened a second building with a focus on entrepreneurship and innovation and executive education. The opening of the newly renovated Bloch Heritage Hall was celebrated in July 2022 to coincide with that would have been Mr. Bloch's 100th birthday.

## Vision

The region's premiere b-school for supporting innovation and organizational transformation, expanding access to great careers, and fostering inclusive prosperity.

## Mission

We use experience-based learning to develop problem-solvers and entrepreneurial leaders who can leverage technology for a changing world. We provide pathways to career success, engage with partners from across the community, and build thought-leadership to support all of our stakeholders.

## Values

Following the inspiration offered by Mr. Henry W. Bloch, our work is guided by our commitment to:

- Working hard, persevering, and making a difference
- Entrepreneurial thinking
- Community orientation
- Inclusiveness and diversity
- Global awareness

## Accreditation

The Bloch School is accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA).

## Advising and Student Services

Staff in the Business and Management MAP of Roo Advising, 2nd floor Bloch Heritage Hall, assist undergraduate students in planning programs and registering for courses. Roo Advising information is available at <https://www.umkc.edu/advising/>.

Students pursuing the M.B.A., M.P.A., M.S.A., M.S.E.R.E. and M.S.F. degrees are advised by staff in the Graduate Programs Office, room 418 Bloch Executive Hall. Advising information can be found at <https://bloch.umkc.edu/graduate/graduate-advising.html>. Faculty of the School's five curricular departments are also available to discuss students' programs.

## Scholarships

The Bloch School offers numerous scholarships for students enrolled in Bloch degree programs. Information and application links are available on the Bloch School Web site at <https://bloch.umkc.edu/students/paying-for-school/>. March 1 is the deadline for the majority of these scholarships, which are awarded for the following academic year. For information on loans, grants and other financial aid, contact the UMKC Student Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.

## **Internships**

Students who want to experience work opportunities while in school are encouraged to take their learning beyond the classroom through internships. For-credit internships typically carry one to three hours of credit. To earn academic credit, students should identify a Bloch School faculty member qualified and willing to supervise an internship, complete an internship form available on the Bloch School website at <https://bloch.umkc.edu/current-students/policies-and-forms.html> and enroll in an approved internship course. Interested students should contact the Bloch Career Center for internship opportunities. International students must also apply through the International Student Affairs Office to receive approval to work off campus.

## **International Study Abroad**

Bloch School students have the opportunity to study abroad for credit. Students may study for a week, a semester (including summer), or an academic year. Students who are interested in study abroad opportunities should talk with their advisor or the UMKC Study Abroad and Global Engagement office.

## **Career Support**

The Bloch Career Center is a full-service office working with students, alumni and employers. Their staff are committed to helping Bloch students connect with careers they care about and collaborate with Kansas City's top employers to create opportunities for Bloch School students.