

# BACHELOR OF ARTS: CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY

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## 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:

- be able to communicate professionally and effectively orally and in writing for the identified audience.
- identify the diverse skills needed to succeed in this field and utilize these skills to address real-world problems.
- evaluate different careers paths resulting from their CJC undergraduate degree.
- demonstrate the ability to link theory, research and policy.
- demonstrate the ability to engage with and address existing social problems.

The mission of the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology is to offer students the opportunity to learn how to analyze and interpret the systems of social control that are applied through the criminal justice system and throughout society, as well as how to explain the causes and consequences of these social structures. This major focuses on crime, criminals, and professionals who handle these concerns through arrest, court processing and punishments. As such, the major emphasizes community engagement and service so to prepare students for the jobs and leadership opportunities that will be necessary for their role as future change agents. The major offers skills in critical thinking and in conducting and evaluating research which promote evidence-based decision-making and effective communication. Always striving for best practices, this major is especially relevant to the urban engagement mission of the university, and its domain is always situated within inclusive learning environments which demand students become culturally competent individuals in order to understand and thrive in society.

## Career Implications

The B.A. curriculum is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions and middle-management careers in the public and private sectors of police and security services, adult and juvenile justice systems and post-adjudicatory services such as probation, parole and related private organizations, as well as federal, state and local administrative agencies. The program is intended to augment skills that are developed in the training programs and academies of service agencies and to develop new talent for the wide variety of agencies and organizations that administer our legal institutions. In addition to the foregoing variety of career roles, CJC majors can exercise career options in consulting, government, human services, journalism and urban planning, and with the appropriate graduate training, in teaching social work, criminology and law.

## 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 (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 & Diversity Course (GECDV)		3
Civic & Urban Engagement Course (GECUE)		3
Total Credits		30

### 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.

## School of Humanities and Social Sciences Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Writing Intensive Course (300-level or above; satisfied in major requirements below):		0
Total Credits		0

### Major Requirements

Students must successfully complete the major requirements below with at least 21 of the 36 required hours taken in the department at UMKC with at least 12 of those hours at the 300-level or above.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Foundation Courses</b>		
CJC 101	Introduction To Criminal Justice	3
CJC 301	Theoretical Criminology	3
CJC 302	Methods of Criminological Research	3
CJC 303	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology and Criminal Justice	3
<b>Systems Courses</b>		
Select one course each from two different systems:		6
Policing:		
CJC 351	Policing In The Community	
CJC 354	Policing in America	
Courts:		
CJC 361	Principles & Practices of Criminal Courts	
CJC 364	The Supreme Court And The Criminal Process	
Corrections:		
CJC 370	Principles Of Corrections	
CJC 371	Community Corrections	
<b>Capstone Course</b>		
CJC 495WI	Capstone: Criminal Justice And Criminology	3
<b>Major Electives (see restrictions below)</b>		<b>15</b>
CJC 240	Delinquency And Juvenile Justice	
CJC 280	Gangs and Crime	
CJC 282	Criminal Justice & Criminology in Popular Media	
CJC 332	Race, Class and Justice	
CJC 335	Blackness as Threat	
CJC 338	Immigration and Crime	
CJC 357	Crime Scene Investigation	
CJC 381	Advocacy and Crisis Intervention	
CJC 382	Human Trafficking	
CJC 385	Victimology	
CJC 390	New Dimensions In Criminal Justice	
CJC 395	Criminal Justice and Criminology Career Exploration	
CJC 430	Women, Crime And Criminal Justice	
CJC 431	Hate & Bias Crimes	
CJC 481	Restorative Justice	
CJC 482	The Death Penalty In America	
CJC 491	Internship In Criminal Justice	
Total Credits		36

Students must receive a grade of no lower than C- in the core required courses (CJC 101, CJC 301, CJC 302, CJC 303, and CJC 495WI) and achieve an overall GPA of 2.0 in the major. Students with more than one academic major may apply only 9 credit hours from another degree program toward the CJC major.

It is suggested that students broaden their course choices by selecting related offerings in English (especially those courses that stress writing skills), philosophy, history, geography, political science, psychology, sociology and public administration.

### CJC Elective Restrictions

In selecting courses to fulfill the 15 credit hours of CJC electives, CJC majors and minors should be aware of the following restrictions:

- No more than 3 credit hours of CJC 490 may be used to fulfill CJC elective requirements.
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Students who are pursuing the CJC major or minor are strongly encouraged to meet with a CJC advisor each semester to review their progress toward degree completion, as well as to determine the appropriateness of coursework selected.

### General Electives

Students must take elective credit hours to meet the minimum credit hour requirement for their degree, including at least 36 credit hours of coursework at the 300-level or above. The minimum required by the university is 120 credit hours, of which at least 30 credit hours must be taken at UMKC, but some degree programs require more.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>General Electives</b>		<b>51</b>

**Minimum GPA: 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/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
CJC 101 <sup>CC</sup>		3 CJC 301 <sup>CC</sup>	3
GEFSE 101		3 ENGLISH 225	3
ENGLISH 110		3 STAT 115, MATH 110, or MATH 116	3
GECRT-SS 101		3 GECRT-AH 101	3

General Elective		3 General Elective		3
		15	15	
<b>Second Year</b>				
<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	
CJC 302 <sup>CC</sup>		3 CJC 303 <sup>CC</sup>		3
COMM-ST 110, 140, or 277		3 CJC 3XX/4XX Systems Course 1		3
HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210		3 GECUE 201		3
GECDV 201		3 GECRT-SC 101		3
General Elective		3 General Elective		3
		15	15	
<b>Third Year</b>				
<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	
CJC 3XX/4XX Systems Course 2		3 CJC 2XX/3XX/4XX Major Elective		3
CJC 2XX/3XX/4XX Major Elective		3 CJC 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3
General Elective		3 General Elective		3
General Elective		3 General Elective		3
General Elective		3 General Elective		3
		15	15	
<b>Fourth Year</b>				
<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	
CJC 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3 CJC 495WI		3
CJC 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3 General Elective (3XX/4XX if needed)		3
General Elective (3XX/4XX if needed)		3 General Elective		3
General Elective		3 General Elective		3
General Elective		3 General Elective		3
		15	15	

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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