

BACHELOR OF ARTS: ECONOMICS

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:

- Explain both the historical and institutional nature of the capitalist system and how it represents a solution to 'the economic problem.'
- Apply the basic theories and methods of the 'standard' approaches in both micro and macroeconomics given a variety of social and economic issues.
- Compare the 'standard' approach to economic problems with heterodox alternatives to the 'standard' approach.
- Demonstrate well-developed written and verbal communication skills.
- Apply basic economic theory, method, and research to a wide range of social and economic policy domains.

Career Implications

The undergraduate degree in economics is excellent preparation for graduate study in economics and most other academic disciplines, as well as law and business. A degree in economics opens a wide range of career choices including teaching, government service, finance, banking and insurance. It is excellent preparation for a career in business, public administration and management.

Advising System

Students in the program should see the Economics website for more information about undergraduate advising.

Honor Society

The Zeta chapter of the Omicron Delta Epsilon International Honor Society in Economics is on campus. Information on this organization can be obtained from the Department Chair. The society is open to all undergraduate students with at least 12 hours of economics and a 3.0 GPA in economics and related courses. Graduate students in economics with a 3.0 GPA also may join.

Special Awards and Scholarships

The Joe E. Brown Institutional Economics Award is given each year to an undergraduate or graduate student for outstanding academic performance in the study of institutional theory. The department also offers the Hodges Scholarships for Economics, James Crew Scholarship, Gene Wagner Honorary Scholarship, and the Karen Vorst Scholarship for undergraduates.

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 (satisfied in major requirements below)		
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		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.

School of Humanities and Social Sciences Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Writing Intensive Course (300-level or above):		3
Total Credits		3

Major Requirements

Students must successfully complete the major requirements below with at least 12 hours of the noted upper division (300+) course requirements completed at UMKC.

This program requires a minimum of 36 hours of courses in the department. A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major is required for graduation.

Code	Title	Credits
Major Prerequisites		
MATH 110	Precalculus Algebra (satisfies Math Pathway)	3
STAT 235	Elementary Statistics	3
Major Requirements		
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON 301	Macroeconomic Analysis	3
ECON 302	Microeconomic Analysis	3
ECON 451	Institutional Economic Theory	3
ECON 425	Econometrics (or any other 400-level ECON elective)	3
Major Electives		15
Any 300 or 400-level ECON course not included in Major Requirements is a major elective. 5500-level courses may be taken as a B.A. major elective with permission of department.		
Courses expected to be offered on at least a two-year rotation include:		
ECON 314	Political Economy of Race, Class And Gender: Theory, History, And Policy	
ECON 331	Money And Banking	
ECON 340	Collective Bargaining	
ECON 341	Labor and Community Leadership	
ECON 402	Labor and the Global Political Economy	
ECON 404RR	American Labor History	
ECON 406WI	History Of Economic Thought	
ECON 412	International Trade And Development	
ECON 416	Law And Economics	
ECON 420	Environment, Resources And Economic Growth	
ECON 431	Monetary Theory And Policy	
ECON 435	Public Finance	
ECON 497	Internship	
Total Credits		39

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
General Electives		48

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/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
ECON 201 or 202 ^{CC}		3 ECON 201 or 202 ^{CC}	3
GEFSE 101		3 ENGLISH 225	3
ENGLISH 110		3 COMM-ST 110 or 277	3
MATH 110 or STAT 235 ^{CC}		3 GECRT-SC 101, 102, or 103	3
GECRT-SS 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, or 111		3 General Elective	3
		15	15

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECON 302 ^{CC}		3 ECON 301 ^{CC}	3
STAT 235 (or General Elective)		3 ECON 3XX/4XX Major Elective	3
GECRT-AH 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, or 114		3 GECDV 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, or 211	3
GECUE 201, 203, 204, 205, 206, or 272		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		15	15

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECON 451		3 ECON 406WI	3
ECON 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3 ECON 3XX/4XX Major Elective	3
ECON 425 (Recommended)		3 General Elective	3
HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECON 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3 ECON 3XX/4XX Major Elective	3
3XX/4XX General Elective		3 3XX/4XX General Elective (WI course if not yet completed)	3
General Elective		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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