BACHELOR OF ARTS: ENGLISH CLASSICAL, MEDIEVAL, & EARLY MODERN LITERATURE EMPHASIS

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:

- Create coherent academic arguments that are built upon multi-leveled textual analysis
- Integrate close readings of primary texts
- Situate texts in cultural and/or historical contexts
- Engage in critical conversations
- Present an essay in ways that reflect a sense of professional rules and conventions

The Bachelor of Arts in English with an emphasis in Classical, Medieval, and Early Modern Literature is recommended for students interested in a broad background in the humanities and for those interested in obtaining a firm foundation for further study in graduate school. This option within the English major involves a core of three survey courses to give students grounding in each of the three periods. Students also take one elective from each time period; a course such as "Shakespeare in Film," "The Ancient World in Film," or "Arthurian Legends" that allows for the study of how these literatures have been received in modern society; and a course on the linguistic backgrounds of these literatures, such as "History of English," "Old English," "Ancient Greek," "Classical Latin," or the "History and Principles of Rhetoric." The remaining three electives can be taken in the English Department or many other departments in the college including Classics, History, Art History, Philosophy, and Geosciences.

To graduate with a major in English, students must achieve a grade-point average of at least 2.0 in the 36-hour program described below, but no credit will be given for courses in which the grade is below C-. No course may fulfill more than one requirement. At least 18 hours must be taken in the English Department at UMKC. Students complete a capstone project in their final year.

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:		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; satisfied in major requirements below):		0
Total Credits		0

Major Requirements

Students must successfully complete the major requirements below with at least 18 of the 36 required hours taken in the Classical and Ancient Studies Program at UMKC with 12 of those hours at the 300-level or above.

One of the courses taken below must be writing intensive.

Code	Title	Credits
I. Introductory Course		**3**
Choose one of the following courses:		
ENGLISH 120	Literary Monstrosities	
ENGLISH 126	Popular Literature	
ENGLISH 207	World Literature in English	
ENGLISH 214	Introduction To Fiction	
ENGLISH 215	Introduction To Poetry	
ENGLISH 216	The Craft of Creative Writing	
ENGLISH 242	Women Writing/Women Reading	
ENGLISH 270	Writing Tutor Training Seminar	
ENGLISH 273	Science Fiction	
ENGLISH 278	Asian American Literature	
CLASSICS 119	Myth and Literature [2]	
CLASSICS 210	Foundations Of Ancient World Literature I [2]	
COMM-ST 203	Introduction to Journalism	
II. Literary Surveys:		**12**
Choose four of the following courses:		
CLASSICS 119	Myth and Literature [2]	
CLASSICS 340AWI	Classical Literature In Translation [2]	
ENGLISH 317	British Literature I [2]	
ENGLISH 318	Bible As Literature [2]	
ENGLISH 323	Shakespeare [2]	
III. Language		**3**
Choose one of the following courses:		
ENGLISH 310	Introduction To Linguistics/Language Science	
ENGLISH 320	Structure Of English [2]	
ENGLISH 330	History Of The English Language [2]	
ENGLISH 404	Old English [2]	
ENGLISH 477DH	Studies in Digital Humanities [1,2]	
ENGLISH 477RC	Studies in Rhetoric and Composition	
GREEK 110	Elementary Ancient Greek I	
GREEK 120	Elementary Ancient Greek II	
GREEK 211	Intermediate Ancient Greek I	
LATIN 110	Elementary Latin I	
LATIN 120	Elementary Latin II	
LATIN 211	Second Year Latin Readings I	
IV. Electives:		**12**
Choose four of the following courses:		
CLASSICS 340AWI	Classical Literature In Translation [2]	
CLASSICS 369	Introduction to Prehistoric and Classical Archaeology	
CLASSICS 391WI	Ancient Greek and Roman Medicine [2]	
ENGLISH 317	British Literature I [2]	
ENGLISH 318	Bible As Literature [2]	
ENGLISH 323	Shakespeare [2]	
ENGLISH 325	Arthurian Legends [2]	
ENGLISH 447	Theory and Criticism in English Studies [2]	
ENGLISH 477CS	Classical Studies [1,2]	
ENGLISH 477MS	Medieval Studies [1,2]	
ENGLISH 477EM	Early Modern Studies [1,2]	
ENGLISH/CLASSICS 499	Senior Tutorial (approval by a tenure-line faculty member is required prior to enrollment)	
CLASSICS 499	Senior Tutorial	

FILM 323	Concepts of the Hero in Ancient Literature and World Cinema	
V. Multidisciplinary Electives		**6**
Choose two of the following courses:		
CLASSICS 119	Myth and Literature [2]	
CLASSICS 210	Foundations Of Ancient World Literature I [2]	
CLASSICS 300CY	Ancient World in Cinema [2]	
CLASSICS 340AWI	Classical Literature In Translation [2]	
CLASSICS 391WI	Ancient Greek and Roman Medicine [2]	
HISTORY 201	European History to 1600	
HISTORY 206	World History To 1450	
HISTORY 300AM	Special Studies in Antiquity and Medieval History	
HISTORY 306A	History of Christianity to the Middle Ages	
HISTORY 411A	Medieval Civilization I	
HISTORY 411B	Medieval Civilization II	
HISTORY 414	Reformation	
HISTORY 431R	History of the British Isles, ca. 500 to 1500	
HISTORY 432R	Tudor England, 1485-1603	
HISTORY 433R	History of Britain 1603-1832	
HISTORY 470	Ancient Egypt	
HISTORY 472	Ancient Rome	
HISTORY 474	Late Antiquity: The Transformation of the Mediterranean World (200−600 AD)	
HISTORY 476	Medieval Jewish History	
PHILOS 310WI	Ancient Philosophy	
THEATRE 350	Theatre History I	
ART-HIST 201	From Cave Paintings to Cathedrals	
ENGLISH 310	Introduction To Linguistics/Language Science [2]	
ENGLISH 311	American Literature I	
ENGLISH 317	British Literature I [2]	
ENGLISH 318	Bible As Literature [2]	
ENGLISH 320	Structure Of English [2]	
ENGLISH 323	Shakespeare [2]	
ENGLISH 325	Arthurian Legends [2]	
ENGLISH 330	History Of The English Language [2]	
ENGLISH 355	The Novel Before 1900	
ENGLISH 404	Old English [2]	
ENGLISH 447	Theory and Criticism in English Studies	
ENGLISH 448	External Internship	
ENGLISH 449A	Publication Practicum	
ENGLISH 449B	Publication Practicum	
ENGLISH 449C	Publication Practicum	
ENGLISH 477CS	Classical Studies [1, 2]	
ENGLISH 477MS	Medieval Studies [1, 2]	
ENGLISH 477EM	Early Modern Studies [1, 2]	
ENGLISH 477RC	Studies in Rhetoric and Composition	
ENGLISH 477SG	Studies in Genre [1, 2]	
ENGLISH 477SA	Studies in Authorship [1, 2]	
ENGLISH 477DH	Studies in Digital Humanities [1, 2]	
Total Credits		36

[1]   These courses, when offered with different content, are repeatable for credit.

[2]   These courses, which may fit in more than one category, **may only be used once towards the 36 credit hour total**.

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		**51**

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
GEFSE 101	3	ENGLISH 225	3
ENGLISH 110[CC]	3	MATH 116 or STAT 115	3
HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210	3	COMM-ST 110 or 277	3
GECRT-AH 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, or 113	3	GECRT-SS 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, or 111	3
General Elective	3	1XX/2XX Level Introductory Course	3
	15		15

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
CLASSICS 119 or 340AWI[CC]	3	ENGLISH 317 or 323[CC]	3
GECRT-SC 101 or 102	3	GECUE 201, 203, 204, 205, or 272	3
GECDV 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, or 210	3	General Elective	3

General Elective		3	General Elective		3
General Elective		3	General Elective		3
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Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits		Spring Semester	Credits	
ENGLISH 317 or 323[CC]		3	FILM 300 or 323		3
ENGLISH 318[CC]		3	ENGLISH 330 or HISTORY 404 (or any GREEK or LATIN course)		3
Language Elective		3	3XX/4XX Classic,Medieval,Early Modern Elective		3
General Elective		3	General Elective		3
General Elective		3	General Elective		3
			Advising:		
			File for Graduation - See your advisor for detail		
		15			15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits		Spring Semester	Credits	
3XX/4XX Classic,Medieval,Early Modern Elective		3	3XX/4XX Classical,Medieval, Early Modern Elective		3
3XX/4XX Classic,Medieval,Early Modern Elective		3	3XX/4XX Classical,Medieval, Early Modern Elective		3
3XX/4XX Classic,Medieval,Early Modern Elective		3	3XX/4XX General Elective (WI course if not yet completed)		3
General Elective (3XX/4XX if needed)		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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