

BACHELOR OF ARTS: LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES - SPANISH LANGUAGE AND 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:

- Demonstrate linguistic proficiency in their chosen language. Students will attain a (pre-)advanced reading, writing, listening and speaking proficiency in the language studies;
- Demonstrate cultural knowledge in their area of study and how those cultures relate to others in a regional and global context. Students will obtain a broad base of knowledge and perspectives on civilizations and their respective cultures- literature, the arts, socio-historical, political and economic structures etc. - within a variety of interpretive frameworks. They will understand aspects of language and culture in the world as part of all human communication, and within interdisciplinary context;
- Analyze cultural products. Students will develop skills in critical thinking and analysis, including but not limited to, textual analysis.

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 (GECDDV)		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):		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.

Total: 36 credits at or above the 200-level

Code	Title	Credits
Major Prerequisites (may not be required depending on placement*):		
SPANISH 110	Elementary Spanish I	3
SPANISH 120	Elementary Spanish II	3
Total Credits		6

*To determine the correct placement in a foreign language, please visit: [/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/foreign-language-placement/](http://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/foreign-language-placement/) (<http://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/foreign-language-placement/>)

The Language and Literatures major consists of two parts: an Emphasis and a Breadth Requirement.

Language and Literatures majors must complete 30 credit hours at or above the 200-level in one emphases.

Code	Title	Credits
Two Spanish 200-level courses or higher, such as:		6
SPANISH 211	Second Year Spanish I	
SPANISH 221 or SPANISH 216	Second Year Spanish II Spanish For The Health Sciences	
Required Major Courses:		
SPANISH 315 or SPANISH 316	Intermediate Conversation And Composition I Spanish for Health Sciences II	3
SPANISH 325	Intermediate Conversation And Composition II	3
SPANISH 415	Advanced Conversation And Composition I	3
Two 300-level SPANISH courses		6
SPANISH 301	Introduction to Literary Studies	
SPANISH 351	Latin American Civilization	
SPANISH 365	The Search for Mexican Identity	
SPANISH 374	Spanish Literature and Culture II	
SPANISH 383	Spanish American Literature and Culture I	
SPANISH 384	Spanish American Literature and Cultures II	
SPANISH 380	Special Topics	
Two 400-level SPANISH courses		6
SPANISH 403	History of the Spanish Language	
SPANISH 414	Early 20th Century Peninsular Literature	
SPANISH 425	Advanced Conversation And Composition II	
SPANISH 427	Pre-Columbian And Spanish Colonial Literature	
SPANISH 428	Contemporary Spanish Poetry	
SPANISH 436	Spain's Transition to Democracy: Literature and Film	
SPANISH 453	Spanish-American Short Story	
SPANISH 480	Special Topics	
Breadth Requirement (see below)		6
SPANISH 499	Senior Seminar (Capstone)	3
Total Credits		36

Breadth Requirement

The Breadth Requirement may be met by completing one of the following:

1. A second Language and Literatures emphasis in French, Classical Languages and Cultures, or International Studies;
2. A minor in French, Classical and Ancient Studies, or International Studies;
3. Six (6) credit hours of coursework at the 200-level or higher among foreign language courses outside the Emphasis (including courses taught in the English language). These classes must focus on language, literary or cultural studies. Appropriate courses offered by other departments (e.g. History of Latin America) can fulfill the breadth requirement with the prior approval of the department.

Other Requirements and Regulations

1. Higher-level courses may be substituted for lower-level coursework, e.g. a 300-level course can be taken instead of a 200-level course.
2. A 2.0 grade-point-average in Languages and Literatures courses is required for graduation.
3. Study abroad is strongly recommended for all departmental majors and minors, but not required for degree completion.
4. Native speakers studying their own languages will complete a minimum of 21 credit hours in courses numbered 300 and above, but normally not including 315 or 325, and they will complete the Breadth Requirement. A native speaker is defined as a person who speaks the target language fluently and who has completed formal schooling through the secondary school level, or equivalent, in the target language.

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		42

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
SPANISH 211 ^{CC}		3 SPANISH 221 or 216 ^{CC}	3
GEFSE 101		3 MATH 116 or STAT 115	3
ENGLISH 110		3 ENGLISH 225	3
COMM-ST 110, 140, or 277		3 GECRT-SS 101	3
GECRT-AH 101		3 HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210	3
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Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
SPANISH 315 or 316 ^{CC}		3 SPANISH 325 ^{CC}	3
GECDV 201		3 GECUE 201	3
GECRT-SC 101		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		15	15

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
SPANISH 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3 SPANISH 415	3
SPANISH 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3 SPANISH 4XX Major Elective	3
3XX/4XX General Elective		3 Languages & Literatures Breadth course	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
SPANISH 499		3 SPANISH 4XX Major Elective	3
Languages & Literatures Breadth course		3 3XX/4XXWI Writing Intensive course	3
3XX/4XX General Elective		3 3XX/4XX 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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