BACHELOR OF ARTS: FILM AND MEDIA ARTS

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 media productions that demonstrate advanced film making craft
- Apply professional best practices for set etiquette, production logistics and creative collaboration
- Describe key periods, formal developments, genres, and themes in film history
- Analyze global cinematic texts and the social, political and cultural meanings they produce

Program Requirements

The Film and Media Arts B.A. offers undergraduate students a rigorous course of study in film and video production, with supporting courses in film studies and art. Students in the program practice all aspects of filmmaking: screenwriting, pre-production planning, cinematography, lighting, audio recording, editing, and sound design. The program emphasizes individual creative development, with each student building their own portfolio of original film and media work. Professional preparation for careers in film and media arts is also a strong component of the degree. In our production classes, we teach a small-crew, independent-artist approach to filmmaking. Students gain experience in all phases of film production, including idea development, writing, pre-production planning, producing, directing, cinematography, sound design and editing.

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):		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.

The B.A. in Film and Media Arts requires 45 credit hours of coursework. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in their major courses. Only major courses with a grade of C- or higher will be accepted for credit in the major, and counted toward the major GPA.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Coursework		
ART 114	Foundation Digital Design	3
ART 206	Photography I	3
FILM 230	Introduction to Film Studies	3
FILM 250	Introduction to Film and Video Production	3

FILM 339	Introduction to Film Theory	3
FILM 346	Art of the Short Film	3
FILM 354	Introduction to Screenwriting	3
FILM 373	Intermediate Media Production	3
FILM 471	Advanced Media Production	3
FILM 498	Internship	3
Film Production Electives - Choose 3 of the following: [1]		**9**
ART 310	Digital Video and Motion Design	
COMM-ST 363	Podcast and Audio Production	
FILM 315	Editing with Adobe Premiere	
FILM 381	Narrative Production	
FILM 385	Documentary Production	
FILM 386	Animation	
FILM 402	Special Studies in Film Production	
FILM 454	Advanced Screenwriting	
FILM 457	Client-Based Media Production	
FILM 473	Directing Actors and Scenes	
World Cinema Elective - Select one of the following:		**3**
FILM 323	Concepts of the Hero in Ancient Literature and World Cinema	
FILM 345	German Film	
FILM 392	Topics in World Cinema	
REGS 343	Media in the Americas	
SPANISH 211	Second Year Spanish I	
FRENCH 211	Second Year French I	
Additional Film Studies Elective - Choose 1 of the following: [1]		**3**
FILM 300	Ancient World in Cinema	
FILM 323	Concepts of the Hero in Ancient Literature and World Cinema (if not taken above)	
FILM 338	Film Adaptation	
FILM 345	German Film (if not taken above)	
FILM 347	Topics in Film Genre	
FILM 376	History Of The Film Industry	
FILM 379	African American Images in Film	
FILM 384	Documentary Film History	
FILM 392	Topics in World Cinema (if not taken above)	
FILM 393	Topics in Sound & Cinema	
FILM 394	Topics in Gender and Cinema	
FILM 401	Special Studies in Film Studies	
REGS 343	Media in the Americas (if not taken above)	
Total Credits		**45**

[1]   Elective courses may be offered on a rotation basis. Please consult with advisor for current availability.

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		**39**

Minimum GPA: 2.0

* MOTR PERF 107: Introduction to Filmmaking is a non-majors course and contributes to Core 42 General Education Requirements and general electives toward degree completion.

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
GEFSE 101	3	ENGLISH 225	3
ENGLISH 110	3	MATH 116 or STAT 115	3
GECRT-AH 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, or 114	3	GECRT-SC 101, 102, or 103	3
FILM 230[CC]	3	ART 206	3
ART 114	3	General Elective	3
	15		**15**

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
COMM-ST 110	3	FILM 346	3
FILM 250	3	GECUE 201, 203, 204, 205, 206, or 272	3
GECRT-SS 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, or 111	3	FILM 373	3
GECDV 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, or 211	3	General Elective	3
HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210	3	General Elective	3
	15		**15**

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
FILM 354	3	GECUE 201, 203, 204, 205, or 272	3
FILM 323, 345, 392, SPANISH 211, or FRENCH 211 (World Cinema Elective)	3	FILM 339	3
HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210	3	General Elective 3XX/4XX (WI course if not already completed)	3
FILM 3XX/4XX Film Production elective	3	Film Production Elective	3
General Elective 3XX/4XX	3	General Elective 3XX/4XX	3
	15		**15**

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
FILM 498	3	FILM 471	3
FILM 3XX/4XX Production elective	3	FILM 3XX/4XX Film Studies elective	3
3XX/4XX 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..

Roo Advising (http://catalog.umkc.edu/roo-advising/)

Email: rooadvising@umkc.edu

Phone: 816-235-1148