## **BACHELOR OF ARTS: POLITICAL SCIENCE**

## **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 course in Culture and Diverse Perspectives; a course in Civic & Urban Engagement; 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 on the General Education Requirements (https:// catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/general-education-requirements/) page.

#### **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 (https://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduateacademic-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:

- · Describe the basic structures and processes of government systems
- Summarize fundamental concepts and theories in political science.
- · Analyze political problems, arguments, information, and/or theories.
- · Demonstrate effective written communication.

## **Program Requirements**

#### **UMKC Essentials**

Code	Title	Credits
First Semester Experience Course (GEFSE)		
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 fo	ollowing):	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 cou	rse	
ACT Math Subscore of 28 or high	er; or SAT Math Subscore of 660 or higher	
Critical Thinking in Arts & Humanitie	ss (GECRT-AH)	3

Total Credits	30
Civic & Urban Engagement (GECUE)	3
Culture & Diverse Perspectives (GECDV)	3
Critical Thinking in Social & Behavioral Sciences (GECRT-SS)	3
Critical Thinking in Natural & Physical Sciences (GECRT-SC)	3

### **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	
HISTORY 101	U.S. History to 1877	
HISTORY 102	U.S. History Since 1877	
HONORS 230	Honors American Government	
POL-SCI 210	American Government	

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 bachelor's 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 Cou	rse (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 department requirement for a major is 30 hours of political science credit. Students must achieve a GPA of at least 2.0 in political science and no credit will be given for courses in which the grade is below C-.

At least 21 hours of political science coursework must be at the 300- to 400- level. Students transferring from other institutions should check as soon as possible to determine transferability.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
POL-SCI 210	American Government (Satisfies Constitution Course Requirements)	3
POL-SCI 220	Introduction To Comparative Politics	3
or POL-SCI 221	Introduction to Comparative Politics and Research	
Electives		
Three Subfield Electives (se	ee options below)	9
Additional Political Science	e Electives, chosen from subfields below or.	15
POL-SCI 235	Law and Politics	
POL-SCI 375	Pre-Law I: The Role and Identity of a Lawyer	
POL-SCI 376	Pre-Law II: Foundations of an Effective Lawyer	
POL-SCI 377	Logical Reasoning for Pre-Law Students	

Total Credits		30
POL-SCI 498	Honors Tutorial	
POL-SCI 497	Political Science Tutorial	
POL-SCI 491	Internship	

Political science majors are required to take at least one course in three of the four subfields, which include American Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, and International Relations. Courses may be offered on a rotation basis. Please consult with advisor for current availability.

Code	Title	Credits
American Politics		
POL-SCI 303	Political Behavior	
POL-SCI 308	Parties and Interest Groups	
POL-SCI 309	Public Opinion	
POL-SCI 313	Politics In The American States	
POL-SCI 314	Politics of Kansas City Metro	
POL-SCI 318	Political Psychology	
POL-SCI 319	Campaigns And Elections	
POL-SCI 326	Racial and Ethnic Politics	
POL-SCI 338	Religion And Politics	
POL-SCI 348	Constitutional Law: The Federal System	
POL-SCI 349	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties	
POL-SCI 360	Labor, Politics and Society	
POL-SCI 370	Labor Law	
POL-SCI 373	Political Institutions	
POL-SCI 401	Legitimacy, Power, and the Survival of Political Systems	
POL-SCI 408	Judicial Politics	
POL-SCI 444	Administering American Elections	
Comparative Politics		
POL-SCI 304	Politics of Developing Countries	
POL-SCI 316	Terrorism And Political Violence	
POL-SCI 357	Western European Politics	
POL-SCI 365	Congress and Parliaments	
POL-SCI 366	British Politics	
POL-SCI 425	Seminar in Comparative Politics	
or POL-SCI 425WI	Seminar. Authoritarian Regimes	
POL-SCI 435	Environmental Politics	
Political Theory		
POL-SCI 301	Western Political Philosophy	
or PHILOS 333	Social And Political Philosophy	
POL-SCI 345	Women and Politics	
PHILOS 340	Philosophy Of Law	
POL-SCI 379	Politics and Pop Culture	
PHILOS 450WI	Ethics and Government	
International Relations		
POL-SCI 230	International Relations	
POL-SCI 336	Foreign Policy	
POL-SCI 362	Latin America and International Relations	
POL-SCI 363	Immigration Politics and Policy: The United States in Cross-National Perspective	
POL-SCI 367	International Political Economy	
POL-SCI 368	Threats to Human Security	
POL-SCI 371	Women and Conflict	

POL-SCI 404	Conflict Resolution
POL-SCI 452	Concepts in International Relations

#### **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 57

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	
POL-SCI 210 <sup>CC</sup>		3 POL-SCI 220 or 221 CC		3
GEFSE 101		3 ENGLISH 225		3
ENGLISH 110		3 STAT 115, MATH 116, or MATH 110		3
GECRT-SS 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, or 111		3 GECRT-SC 101, 102, or 103		3
General Elective		3 General Elective		3
		15		15

#### Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	
POL-SCI 2XX/3XX/4XX Major Subfield Course	3	POL-SCI 3XX/4XX Major Subfield		3
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COMM-ST 110, 140, or 277		3 GECDV 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, or 211		3
GECRT-AH 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, or 114		3 General Elective		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	
POL-SCI 3XX/4XX Major Subfield Course		3 POL-SCI 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3
3XX/4XX General Elective		3 POL-SCI 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
Fourth Year				
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	
POL-SCI 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3 POL-SCI 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3
POL-SCI 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3 3XX/4XX WI Writing Intensive Course		3
3XX/4XX General Elective		3 3XX/4XX General Elective		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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## Milestones

# Year 1 Fall Semester

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Login to <b>PlanMyDegree</b> (https://planmydegree.umkc.edu/selfserviceK/general/home.html):	Login to <b>PlanMyDegree</b> (https://planmydegree.umkc.edu/selfserviceK/general/home.html):
Review your degree audit in PlanMyDegree	Review your degree audit in PlanMyDegree
Create an academic plan for the Spring semester in PlanMyDegree	Create an academic plan for Year 2 in PlanMyDegree
Schedule appointment with Academic Advisor to review Academic Plan and obtain Spring semester approval to <b>release advising hold</b> . (https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html)	Schedule appointment with Academic Advisor to review Academic Plan and Year 2 approval to <b>release advising hold</b> .
Complete the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Exam. (https://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/graduation/civics-exam (https://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/graduation/civics-exam/)/)	Visit a faculty member during <b>office hours/student drop-in hours</b> to discuss their research.
Activate your <b>Handshake</b> account and take a look at on-campus positions. (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/students/handshake.html)	Attend a <b>Resume Workshop</b> , <b>Resume Blitz</b> , or have a <b>Resume Appointment</b> with Career Services. (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new/))
Take one of the following <b>assessments</b> to get a better understanding of yourself (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/students/online-resources.html): <b>Clifton Strengths</b> , <b>Focus2</b> , or <b>Agile Work Profiler</b> .	Attend an <b>Employer Information Session</b> or <b>Networking in the 816</b> event. (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/)/)
Attend the Fall Jobs & Internship Fair or the STEM Fair to understand who is recruiting UMKC students. (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/)/)	Schedule a <b>Choosing a Career Path / College Major</b> appointment with a career coach to reflect on your major and see that it is in-line with career paths you are interested in. (https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/appointments/new (https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/appointments/new/))
Attend <b>Convocation</b> and <b>Roo Welcome Events</b> . (https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/events/convocation.html)	Attend events and explore <b>RooGroups</b> . (https://roogroups.umkc.edu/home_login (https://roogroups.umkc.edu/home_login/))
Join a <b>student organization</b> . (find them via RooGroups: https://roogroups.umkc.edu/home_login (https://roogroups.umkc.edu/home_login/))	Attend <b>Leadership Workshops</b> through the Office of Student Involvement. (https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/programs (https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/programs/)/)
Attend an <b>Undergraduate Research Symposium</b> (August- <b>SUROP</b> or November).	Attend UMKC's Annual <b>Undergraduate Research Symposium</b> (April).
Investigate on-campus <b>Undergraduate Research employment opportunities</b> (work-study funded UR Associates or grant-funded). (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-resources/more research-opportunities.html)	Enroll in a <b>EUReka</b> class (UMKC Essentials or lower-level in your MAP). (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/)/)
Join a <b>journal club</b> or <b>research-focused student group</b> , if offered in your dept/unit.	Identify <b>potential faculty mentors</b> in your major (UR-Linked: https://net2.umkc.edu/intapps/ur-links (https://net2.umkc.edu/intapps/ur-links/)/, or Dept/Unit Web sites).
Connect with Emerging Research Scholars in Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA). (https://www.umkc.edu/msa/scholar-programs (https://www.umkc.edu/msa/scholar-programs/)/)	Attend a <b>research lecture</b> or <b>creative presentation</b> in your major.
Thinking Ahead	

**Spring Semester** 

#### Thinking Ahead

Explore summer enrollment to get caught up or get ahead.

Explore study abroad opportunities with the Study Abroad and Global Engagement Office. (https://www.umkc.edu/study-abroad (https://www.umkc.edu/study-abroad/)/)

Explore national competitive awards and scholarships. (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/awards (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/awards/)/)

Gain a general understanding of career outcomes for your chosen/desired majors.

Identify 2-3 career options.

Keep track of involvement using UMKC's Co-Curricular Transcript system. (https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/programs/co-curricular-engagement.html)

## Year 2

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	
Login to <b>PlanMyDegree</b> (https://planmydegree.umkc.edu/selfserviceK/general/home.html):	Login to <b>PlanMyDegree</b> (https://planmydegree.umkc.edu/selfserviceK/general/home.html):	
Review your degree audit in PlanMyDegree	Review your degree audit in PlanMyDegree	
Review and continue working on your academic plan in PlanMyDegree	Build out your academic plan through graduation in PlanMyDegree	
Schedule appointment with Academic Advisor to review Academic Plan and obtain Spring semester approval to <b>release advising hold</b> . (https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html)	Schedule appointment with Academic Advisor to review Academic Plan and ensure all program requirements are planned and obtain plan approval to <b>release advising hold</b> .	
Attend the Fall Jobs & Internship Fair or any career fair to identify internship opportunities / hiring windows. (https://www.umkc.edu/careerservices/events (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/)/)	Attend an <b>Employer Information Session</b> or <b>Networking in the 816</b> event. (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/)/)	
Have an employer or Career Coach review your <b>resume</b> . (https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/appointments/new (https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/appointments/new/))	Take part in a <b>job shadowing experience</b> or a <b>site visit</b> . (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/job-shadowing.html)	
Consider applying for an on/off-campus internship or research opportunity. (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/postings/pending? page=1&per_page=25 (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/postings/pending/?page=1&per_page=25) OR https://www.umkc.edu/research (https://www.umkc.edu/research/)/)	Attend any <b>career fair</b> . (https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/events? collection=ALL&categories=5&eventFormat=HYBRID&sort=RELEVANCE&date=(https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/events/? collection=ALL&categories=5&eventFormat=HYBRID&sort=RELEVANCE&date=	·
Take on a <b>Leadership role</b> in a student organization or project team. (https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/student-organizations (https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/student-organizations/)/)	Connect with <b>Financial Wellness Center</b> and attend financial literacy workshops. (https://www.umkc.edu/financial-wellness (https://www.umkc.edu/financial-wellness/)/)	
Attend an <b>Undergraduate Research Symposium</b> (August- <b>SUROP</b> or November).	Attend UMKC's <b>Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium</b> (April).	
Enroll in a <b>EUReka</b> class (UMKC Essentials or lower-level in your MAP). (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/)/)	Enroll in a <b>EUReka</b> class (UMKC Essentials or lower-level in your MAP). (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/)/)	
Investigate on-campus <b>Undergraduate Research</b> employment opportunities (work-study funded UR Associates or grant-funded). (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-resources/more-research-opportunities.html)	<b>Develop a plan</b> with your faculty research mentor for years three and four.	
Meet with potential faculty research mentors in your major.		
Investigate off-campus <b>Undergraduate Research</b> opportunities. (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-resources/more-research-opportunities.html)		

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Explore national competitive awards and scholarships. (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/awards (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/awards/)/)

Identify three internships or research opportunities that match your major and career goals.

## Year 3

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Review your degree audit and academic plan in <b>PlanMyDegree</b> to ensure you are on track for anticipated graduation date.	Review your degree audit and academic plan in <b>PlanMyDegree</b> to ensure you are on track for anticipated graduation date.
Schedule an appointment or confirm enrollment plans as required with academic advisor to <b>release advising hold</b> . (https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html)	Schedule an appointment or confirm enrollment plans as required with academic advisor to <b>release advising hold</b> .

	Submit application for graduation at the completion of 90 hours in Pathway. (https://www.umkc.edu/registrar/academic-programs/graduation (https://www.umkc.edu/registrar/academic-programs/graduation/)/)
Attend the Fall Jobs & Internship Fair or any career fair to discuss internship opportunities with employers. (https://www.umkc.edu/careerservices/events (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/)/)	Meet with an employer for an informational interview. (https://cdn.careers.bloch.umkc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/130/2021/08/Bloch-Informational-Interviewing.pdf)
Attend a workshop or appointment about <b>Cover Letters</b> and <b>LinkedIn</b> . (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new/))	Attend a Networking workshop or a <b>Networking in the 816</b> event. https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/)/)
Apply to a minimum of 3 internships that are in-line with your major / career goals. (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/postings/page=1&per_page=25 (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/postings/pending/?page=1&per_page=25))	Attend any <b>career fair</b> . (https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/events? collection=ALL&categories=5&eventFormat=HYBRID&sort=RELEVANCE&da (https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/events/? collection=ALL&categories=5&eventFormat=HYBRID&sort=RELEVANCE&da
Run for <b>executive positions</b> in student organizations. (https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/student-organizations (https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/student-organizations/)/)	Attend <b>Grad Roo Fair</b> . (https://sgs.umkc.edu/admissions/gradroo.html)
Apply for <b>on/off-campus research opportunities</b> , including <b>SEARCH</b> . (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-grants (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-grants/)/)	Apply for <b>on/off-campus research opportunities</b> , including <b>SUROP</b> . (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-grants (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-grants/)/)
Enroll in upper-level <b>EUReka</b> Course in your major (investigate senior thesis options in your major). (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/)/)	Enroll in upper-level <b>EUReka</b> Course in your major (investigate senior thesis options in your major). (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/get-started/)/)
Conduct research with support of faculty mentor.	Conduct research with support of faculty mentor.
Present at UMKC's <b>Fall Research Symposium</b> . (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/)/)	Apply for <b>Undergraduate Research Fellow</b> transcript designation (March 1 deadline). (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/recognition (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/recognition/)/)
<b>Investigate opportunities to present your research</b> at regional or national conferences.	Present at UMKC's <b>Annual Symposium of Undergrad Research</b> in April. (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/)/)

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Explore national competitive awards and scholarships. (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/awards (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/awards/)/)

Establish one to two contacts in your desired industry.

Complete an internship / employment opportunity related to your major / career goals.

## Year 4

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	
Review your degree audit and academic plan in <b>PlanMyDegree</b> to ensure all requirements are planned by anticipated graduation date.	Review your degree audit and academic plan in <b>PlanMyDegree</b> to ensure all requirements are planned by anticipated graduation date.	
Schedule an appointment or confirm enrollment plans as required with academic advisor to <b>release advising hold</b> . (https://umkc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/support/login.html)	Take <b>UMKC HEIghten Exam</b> . (https://net3.umkc.edu/intapps/exitexams/ Home.aspx)	
Attend the Fall Jobs & Internship Fair or the STEM fair to identify jobs to apply to. (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/)/)	Pay close attention to email for information about <b>Graduation Fair</b> and <b>Commencement Exercises</b> .	
Attend a workshop or appointment about Job Searching. (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new/))	Attend a Networking workshop or a <b>Networking in the 816</b> event. (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/events/)/)	
Have a <b>mock interview</b> appointment with a Career Coach. (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/appointments/new/))	Attend any career fair. (https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/events? collection=ALL&categories=5&eventFormat=HYBRID&sort=RELEVANCE&date=(https://umkc.joinhandshake.com/stu/events/? collection=ALL&categories=5&eventFormat=HYBRID&sort=RELEVANCE&date=	·

Serve on one or more <b>student advisory boards</b> .	Attend a senior send-off and Commencement-related events. (https://www.umkc.edu/commencement (https://www.umkc.edu/commencement/)/)
Apply for <b>on/off-campus research opportunities</b> , including <b>SEARCH</b> . (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-grants (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/student-grants/)/)	Apply to a minimum of 5 jobs or submit applications to professional / graduate programs as needed. (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/postings/pending?page=1&per_page=25 (https://app.joinhandshake.com/edu/postings/pending/?page=1&per_page=25))
Conduct research with support of faculty mentor.	Conduct research with support of faculty mentor.
Request nomination for <b>Undergraduate Research Day</b> @ <b>the Capitol</b> (URD@C) from your faculty mentor (November 1 deadline). (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/undergraduate-research-day-at-the-capitol (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/undergraduate-research-day-at-the-capitol/)/)	Present Your Research at <b>UMKC's Annual Symposium of Undergraduate Research</b> (April) or at a regional or national conference in your discipline.
Present Your Research at <b>Fall UR Symposium</b> or at a regional or national conference in your discipline. (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations (https://www.umkc.edu/undergraduate-research/presentations/)/)	In Canvas, complete all requirements in your <b>Graduation Checklist</b> (will appear in the second 8 weeks of the semester).

Feature research accomplishments on résumé or grad/professional school Celebrate your awesomeness! applications.

#### **Thinking Ahead**

Successfully obtain full-time work or graduate school admission and report your outcome in 12Twenty. (https://www.umkc.edu/career-services/students/12twenty.html)

Give back by speaking at student leadership panels or participating in alumni events.