

RACE, ETHNIC, AND GENDER STUDIES

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Department Description

The Department of Race, Ethnic and Gender Studies (REGS) offers an excellent interdisciplinary curriculum that teaches critical thinking through an examination of historical and contemporary problems and expands student understanding of gender difference, cultural diversity and social change.

- The department offers a minor in Race, Ethnic, and Gender Studies. Students are able to pursue a specialized focus or an intersectional minor while enhancing their major in any field. The minor provides flexibility to allow for the creation of a course of study suited to individual student interests.
- Internship programs provide opportunities for undergraduate or graduate students to gain on-site experience. In some cases, students can receive 1 to 4 hours of academic credit while learning and working in off- or on-campus placements.

Special Resources and Services

Kansas City is an ideal place for REGS students. Internships and job opportunities are available throughout the metro at nonprofit organizations, human services, public service, government agencies and private firms that need and value diversity literacy. Graduates are employed at the Metropolitan Organization to Combat Sexual Assault (MOCSA), Planned Parenthood, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and more.

REGS, along with the departments of History and Foreign Languages and Literatures; the School of Nursing and Health Studies; the UMKC Women's Center; and the UMKC Honors Program, host a study abroad program in Senegal, West Africa. No language requirement. Learn more at info.umkc.edu/Senegal (<https://info.umkc.edu/senegal/>)

Getting involved and connecting with other students is an important part of the REGS curriculum. UMKC offers many organizations that relate to your REGS studies.

- A.A.C.E. Mentoring Program (<https://info.umkc.edu/multiculturalstudentaffairs/aace/>)
- The African American Student Union (https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Froogroups.campuslabs.com%2Fengage%2Forganization%2FUMKC_TAASU&data=04%7C01%7Cbeardcy%40umkc.edu%7C37cddcc3504545c252ab08d9b44458e5%7Ce3fefdbef7e9401ba51a355e01b05a89%7C0%7C0%7C637739027897624750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=FSW6fl19X6WCMmPsSpzsgVbZcb2ubCXpEjIOSQVvYkbc%3D&reserved=0)
- Association of Latino Professionals for America (<https://roogroups.umkc.edu/organization/alpfaumkc/>)
- Avanzando (<https://info.umkc.edu/multiculturalstudentaffairs/avanzando/>)
- Her Campus (<https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hercampus.com%2Fschool%2Fumkc&data=04%7C01%7Cbeardcy%40umkc.edu%7C37cddcc3504545c252ab08d9b44458e5%7Ce3fefdbef7e9401ba51a355e01b05a89%7C0%7C0%7C637739027897634708%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=Qam1QnpFQVd31u9jkJN49Y2h3F7yZd20eS%2BQna3QhqY%3D&reserved=0>)
- Latino Medical Student Association (<https://roogroups.umkc.edu/organization/lmsa/>)
- Latinx Student Union (<https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Froogroups.campuslabs.com%2Fengage%2Forganization%2FIsu&data=04%7C01%7Cbeardcy%40umkc.edu%7C37cddcc3504545c252ab08d9b44458e5%7Ce3fefdbef7e9401ba51a355e01b05a89%7C0%7C0%7C637739027897634708%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=13lbfoswzkWg%2BGw6RRa0CmrHTaR%2FqXFi270up5uGSdu%3D&reserved=0>)
- LGBTQIA+ programs (<https://info.umkc.edu/get-involved/lgbtqia-programs/>)
- Multicultural Student Affairs Office (<https://info.umkc.edu/multiculturalstudentaffairs/>)

- Sigma Lambda Gamma (<https://roogroups.umkc.edu/organization/sigmalambdagamma/>)
- Society of Hispanic Engineers (<https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.shpe.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cbearncy%40umkc.edu%7C37cddcc3504545c252ab08d9b44458e5%7Ce3fefdbef7e9401ba51a355e01b05a89%7C0%7C637739027897644672%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=L%2B7vCHWnP6C2IFL7FVlh7ckcaTnzmuYztTOv3l0x4Do%3D&reserved=0>)
- Women's Center (<https://info.umkc.edu/womenc/>)

For more information, please see <https://cas.umkc.edu/race-ethnic-and-gender-studies/student-opportunities/> (<https://cas.umkc.edu/areas-of-study/race-ethnic-and-gender-studies/current-students.html>)

Faculty Mentors

Faculty mentors are available to assist minors with questions about the programs, research and internship opportunities, and post-graduation objectives. The department has two faculty mentors: Dr. Brenda Bethman at bethmanb@umkc.edu and Dr. Crystal Doss at dossr@umkc.edu.

Undergraduate Programs:

REGS Minor (<http://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/academic-departments-programs/regs/regs-minor/>)