

BACHELOR OF ARTS: SOCIOLOGY

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:

- Examine the role and relevance of the sociological perspective for contemporary social life. Thus students will gain knowledge of the fundamentals in Sociology, such as the foundations of human practice, belief, and organization.
- Advance the critical research, thinking, and writing skills that are integral to professional development and civic engagement. Thus students will apply the fundamentals of sociology to both experience and enhanced interest in community engagement.
- Explore the basic theoretical and methodological perspectives, both in the social sciences and in a chosen specialty area. Thus students will have the capacity to critically evaluate, compare diverse groups, and engage contemporary issues, trends in theory, and instruments of social analysis.
- Reflect on contemporary issues and controversies in the academic discipline of Sociology. Thus students will be able to examine issues of inequality, cultural difference, and social stratification from a comparative perspective, applying sociological principles and concepts to their own lives.
- Compare social groups and their beliefs for the patterns that shape social practice. Thus students will be able to challenge bias in theory and method as these are used to make sense of other people's social realities.

Career Implications

The B.A. curriculum in sociology is designed to prepare students for a variety of career paths, including:

- Graduate level work in sociology degrees in order to become a professor, researcher, or applied social scientist.
- Entry-level positions throughout the business, human services, and government sectors. Employers look for people with the skills that an undergraduate degree in sociology provides.
- Careers in journalism, politics, public relations, business, or public administration—fields that involve the kind of investigative skills and ability to work with diverse groups that students encounter in the curriculum our faculty's expertise.
- Professions such as law, education, medicine, social work, and counseling—fields that all draw on the rich fund of knowledge from sociology.

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 12 hours of the noted upper division (300+) course requirements completed at UMKC.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Coursework		
ANTHRO 103	Introduction To Cultural Anthropology	3
SOCIOL 101	Sociology: An Introduction	3
SOCIOL 302WI	Social Stratification	3
SOCIOL 361	Social Theory	3
SOCIOL 362	Methods Of Sociological Research	3
SOCIOL 363	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology/Criminal Justice	3
Foreign Language Requirement *		6
Any combination of Foreign Language coursework, with the following as common options:		
SPANISH 110	Elementary Spanish I	
SPANISH 120	Elementary Spanish II	
FRENCH 110	Elementary French I	
FRENCH 120	Elementary French II	
GERMAN 110	Elementary German I	
GERMAN 120	Elementary German II	
Major Electives		12
ANTHRO 306	Culture, Emotion, and Identity	
ANTHRO 308	The Social Life of Things	
ANTHRO 326	Consumer Society	
ANTHRO 333	The Living Dead	
REGS 321	Race and Ethnic Relations	
REGS 348	Latinx Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees in the U.S	
SOCIOL 203	Social Problems	
SOCIOL 211	Social And Psychological Development Through The Life Cycle	
SOCIOL 310R	Families And The Life Course	
SOCIOL 313R	Sociology Of Gender	
SOCIOL 316	Sociology Of Death And Dying	
SOCIOL 320	Social Deviance	
SOCIOL 328	Body and Society	
SOCIOL 332	Sociology Of Political Life	
SOCIOL 337	Community Development In Urban America	
SOCIOL 357	Social Movements	
SOCIOL 358	Culture and Society	
SOCIOL 364	Immigration and the City	
SOCIOL 365	Cities and Society	
SOCIOL/ANTHRO 380	Technology and Society	
SOCIOL 411	Sociology Of Human Sexuality	
SOCIOL 418	Feminist Theories	
SOCIOL 434	Spatial Thinking in Social Science	
SOCIOL 440R	Sociology Of Medicine	
SOCIOL 441	Globalization and Development	

Total Credits

36

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

Other degree requirements include:

- 1. A minimum grade of C- in all required core courses.
- 2. A 2.0 grade-point average in the 30 major credit hours.
- 3. Completion of the general degree requirements of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences with a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- 4. No more than three one-credit courses of Special Topics in Sociology (SOCIO 300__) may be used to fulfill sociology elective requirements.
- 5. A maximum of 6 hours from any combination of field experience, directed individual study and research will count toward the requirements.

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.

*MOTR SOCI 204 Introduction to Family Studies is a non-majors course and contributes to Core 42 General Education Requirements and general electives toward degree completion.

Code	Title	Credits
General Electives		45

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
SOCIO 101 ^{CC}		3 ENGLISH 225	3
GEFSE 101		3 STAT 115, MATH 110, or MATH 116	3

ENGLISH 110	3	COMM-ST 110 or 277	3
GECRT-SS 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, or 111	3	GECRT-SC 101 or 102	3
Foreign Language Requirement (110 or higher)	3	Foreign Language Requirement (120 or higher)	3
	15		15
Second Year			
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ANTHRO 103 ^{CC}		3 SOCIOL 2XX/3XX Major Elective ^{CC}	3
GECRT-AH 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, or 113		3 GECUE 201, 203, 204, 205, or 272	3
GECDV 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, or 210		3 HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
	15		15
Third Year			
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
SOCIOL 361		3 SOCIOL 362	3
SOCIOL 363		3 SOCIOL 3XX/4XX Major Elective	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
Fourth Year			
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
SOCIOL 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3 SOCIOL 3XX/4XX Major Elective	3
SOCIOL 3XX/4XX Major Elective		3 3XX/4XX General Elective (WI Course if not yet completed)	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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