

BACHELOR OF ARTS: LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES 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:

- apply interdisciplinary perspectives to analyze ideas using diverse frames of reference and cultural complexity
- attain at least Intermediate-mid reading, writing, listening and speaking proficiency in a foreign language (according to the ACTFL proficiency levels)
- draw on their knowledge of their selected region to identify and describe at least two dimensions – historical, political, social, cultural, economic – of specific international issues.
- present and discuss their research in compelling, coherent, clear analytical arguments

International Studies

The International Studies program fosters cultural and political literacy while also developing foreign language proficiency. Students will advance their language skills in French, German or Spanish, and gain knowledge of political structures and international relations in general and in a global region of their choice. The program straddles both Foreign Languages and Political Science departments while also offering students a broad array of interdisciplinary courses across several other departments. Intercultural competencies form the core of the program, and students are required to take part in a study abroad program or do an internship in a local organization or business that has international connections. If you are interested in the world beyond the United States, this program is for you!

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):		3
Total Credits		3

Major Requirements

The B.A. in Languages and Literatures with an emphasis in International Studies (INTS) requires 36 credits at or above the 200-level, with at least 9 hours numbered 400-level or higher. At least 12 hours in the major must be earned at UMKC.

Students may double count up to 12 credit hours from their major toward a minor in French, German, or Spanish. Students choosing to double-major in INTS and another emphasis area in Languages & Literatures may double count up to 18 credit hours. Students should consult the applicable catalog section to review applicability to minors in political science, economics, history, anthropology, or philosophy.

Major Prerequisites (May not be required based on placement (<http://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/foreign-language-placement/>))

Code	Title	Credits
2 Semesters of Introductory Foreign Language Coursework		6

Code	Title	Credits
Introductory Courses		6

FRN-LNG 230	Themes in World Cultures	
FRN-LNG 231	Themes in World Languages	
POL-SCI 220	Introduction To Comparative Politics	
POL-SCI 230	International Relations	

Coursework in the same foreign language at the 200-level or above 12**Courses selected from Political and Economic Awareness (Politics) 6**

ECON 402	Labor and the Global Political Economy ^W	
ECON 406WI	History Of Economic Thought ^W	
ECON 412	International Trade And Development ^W	
ECON 442	International Finance ^W	
MGT 370	International Management ^W	
POL-SCI 304	Politics of Developing Countries ^W	
POL-SCI 316	Terrorism And Political Violence ^W	
POL-SCI 355	Politics In Eastern And Central Europe ^{EU}	
POL-SCI 357	Western European Politics ^{EU}	
POL-SCI 404	Conflict Resolution ^W	
POL-SCI 418	International Conflict and Cooperation ^W	

Courses selected from Social and Cultural Awareness (Culture) 6

ANTHRO 305	Language and Culture ^W	
ANTHRO 315	Writing Culture: The Craft of Ethnography ^W	
ANTHRO 373	Anthropology of Religion ^W	
ART-HIST 201	From Cave Paintings to Cathedrals ^{EU}	
ART-HIST 202	From Michelangelo to Modernism ^{EU}	
ART-HIST 315	Arts Of African and New World Cultures ^{AF,LA}	
ART-HIST 319	Asian Art ^{AS}	
CONSVTY 351	History of Music in Western Civilization I ^{EU}	
CONSVTY 352	History of Music in Western Civilization II ^{EU}	
ENV-DSN 250	History of the Designed Environment I ^{EU}	
ENV-DSN 251	History of the Designed Environment II ^{EU}	
ENV-DSN 252	History of the Designed Environment III ^{EU}	
FRENCH 377FC	French and Francophone Civilization ^{EU}	
FRENCH 377LC	Introduction to French and Francophone Literature & Culture ^{EU}	
FRENCH 415	Advanced Conversation and Composition I ^{EU}	
FRENCH 477LC	Themes in French and Francophone Literature & Culture ^{EU}	
FRENCH 477EC	French & Francophone Literature & Culture: Enlightenment to Contemporary ^{EU}	
FRENCH 480	Special Topics ^{EU,W}	
HISTORY 201	European History to 1600 ^{EU}	
HISTORY 202	European History since 1600 ^{EU}	
HISTORY 206	World History To 1450 ^W	
HISTORY 208	World History since 1450 ^W	
HISTORY 307A	History of Christianity from the Middles Ages to Present ^{EU}	
HISTORY 404	Women, Gender and Sexuality in Latin America ^{LA}	
HISTORY 406	Modern Latin America ^{LA}	
HISTORY 411A	Medieval Civilization I ^{EU}	
HISTORY 411B	Medieval Civilization II ^{EU}	
HISTORY 414	Reformation ^{EU}	

HISTORY 416R	The French Revolution and Napoleon ^{EU}
HISTORY 430RA	World War One through its Artifacts ^{EU}
HISTORY 431R	History of the British Isles, ca. 500 to 1500 ^{EU}
HISTORY 433R	History of Britain 1603-1832 ^{EU}
HISTORY 436WI	Comparative Histories of Modern Germany ^{EU}
HISTORY 471	Ancient Greece ^{EU}
HISTORY 472	Ancient Rome ^{EU}
HISTORY 474	Late Antiquity: The Transformation of the Mediterranean World (200–600 AD) ^{EU}
PHILOS 310WI	Ancient Philosophy ^{EU}
PHILOS 320WI	History of Modern Philosophy ^{EU}
PHILOS 431	Aristotle ^{EU}
SOCIOL 358	Culture and Society ^W
SPANISH 301	Introduction to Literary Studies ^{EU}
SPANISH 351	Latin American Civilization ^{LA}
SPANISH 365	The Search for Mexican Identity ^{LA}
SPANISH 374	Spanish Literature and Culture II ^{EU}
SPANISH 380	Special Topics ^{EU,LA}
SPANISH 403	History of the Spanish Language ^{EU,LA}
SPANISH 414	Early 20th Century Peninsular Literature ^{EU}
SPANISH 427	Pre-Columbian And Spanish Colonial Literature ^{LA}
SPANISH 428	Contemporary Spanish Poetry ^{EU}
SPANISH 436	Spain's Transition to Democracy: Literature and Film ^{EU}
SPANISH 453	Spanish-American Short Story ^{LA}
SPANISH 480	Special Topics ^{EU}
SPANISH 499	Senior Seminar (Capstone) ^{EU}

Select additional coursework in one of the two awareness areas above not already completed (Politics or Culture) **6**

International Experience (see details below)

Total Credits **36**

Selected Geographic Region in Politics and Culture Courses

The 18 credit hours of Politics and Culture courses should include 9 credit hours that focus on the same world area (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America). A list of courses in each area are available from your major advisor.

AF	Africa Region
AS	Asia Region
EU	European Union Region
LA	Latin America Region
W	World Region (applicable to any region, with approval of International Studies Advisor)

International Experience

The International Experience must be an immersion experience in the foreign culture and language, taken outside the student's country of origin and approved by the student's major advisor. The requirement can be fulfilled in one of the following ways:

- A for-credit internship at a company, government agency, or non-profit organization involving significant use of the foreign language (3 credits or more)
- A UMKC faculty-led study abroad program of at least 6 weeks.
- A study abroad experience of a semester or longer.

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/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
FRN-LNG 230, 231, POL-SCI 220, or POL-SCI 230		3 FRN-LNG 230, 231, POL-SCI 220, or POL-SCI 230	3
GEFSE 101		3 ENGLISH 225	3
ENGLISH 110 ^{CC}		3 STAT 115 or MATH 116	3
GECRT-AH 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, or 114		3 GECRT-SS 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, or 111	3
Foreign Language Requirement (110 or higher) ^{CC}		3 Foreign Language Requirement (120 or higher) ^{CC}	3
		15	15

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
COMM-ST 110, 277, or 140		3 GECUE 201, 203, 204, 205, 206, or 272	3
FRN-LNG 230, 231, POL-SCI 220, or POL-SCI 230		3 FRN-LNG 230, 231, POL-SCI 220, or POL-SCI 230	3
GECDV 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, or 211		3 GECRT-SC 101, 102, or 103	3
HISTORY 101, 102, or POL-SCI 210		3 Foreign language course (221 or higher)	3

Foreign Language course (211 or higher) ^{CC}		3 General Elective		3
		15	15	
Third Year				
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	
Foreign language course (315 or higher)		3 Foreign language course (325 or higher)		3
Social/Cultural focus Major Elective		3 4XX Political/Economic focus Major Elective		3
General Elective (3XX/4XX if needed)		3 4XX Social/Cultural focus Major Elective		3
General Elective		3 General Elective (3XX/4XX if needed)		3
General Elective		3 General Elective		3
		15	15	
Fourth Year				
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	
4XX Social/Cultural or Political/Economic focus Major Elective		3 3XX/4XX Writing Intensive course (if not yet completed) or General Elective		3
Internship (if International Experience requirement not previously fulfilled) or General Elective		3 General Elective (3XX/4XX if needed)		3
General Elective (3XX/4XX if needed)		3 General Elective (3XX/4XX if needed)		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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