REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION IN THE B.A. - M.D. COMBINED PROGRAM

B.A./M.D. Program

In order to graduate from the UMKC School of Medicine B.A./M.D. Program, students must complete the following graduation requirements. 

Baccalaureate Degree

- Students must select an undergraduate B.A. major or emphasis area from a variety of disciplines.
- The most common baccalaureate degrees are in liberal arts, biology, chemistry, communication studies, philosophy, psychology and sociology.
- Students may earn up to 30 semester hours of college credit through the Advanced Placement Program, International Baccalaureate Program or specific subject-area examinations of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP).
- Students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 90 semester hours of non-medical courses on the UMKC Volker campus in the following subject areas: English, fine arts, government, history, humanities, literature, natural science, philosophy and social/behavioral science.
- Thirty additional semester hours toward the baccalaureate degree are awarded from required concurrent medical coursework.
- Students enrolled in the combined degree program at UMKC are required to complete a minimum of 38 hours of credit through the College of Arts and Sciences and/or the School of Biological Sciences subsequent to matriculation into the B.A./M.D. program regardless of the amount of previous credit earned.

Doctor of Medicine Degree

Students in the combined B.A./M.D. program must have satisfactory completion, certified by the UMKC registrar, of requirements for the baccalaureate degree and 38 months of medical curriculum credit.

- Students must achieve Certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support.
- Students must receive docent certification of clinical competence.
- Student must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.8 – 4.0.
- Students must earn passing scores on Step 1 and Step 2 CS & CK of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).
- Students must complete 48 months of enrollment in the School of Medicine, Years 3 – 6.
- At least three clinical electives are required and these must come from a minimum of three of the nine School of Medicine approved clinical elective categories. One of these electives must be a critical care elective.
- Students are expected to evaluate the quality of their experiences through course and performance evaluations, a graduation questionnaire and a survey of their performance at the end of their first postgraduate year.