

BACHELOR OF ARTS: URBAN STUDIES

This program is currently not accepting students.

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:

- Be able to analyze how gender, ethnicity, and race play important roles in understanding the city. They will be exposed to the broader public through internships in the community.
- Be able to analyze how local, regional, and state governments and related institutions interact.
- Be able to describe how the urban society is structured in interrelated sectors that influence each other locally and interact with sectors beyond the local city.
- Be able to interpret demographic patterns at various scales, from the city block to the metropolitan area.
- Be able to design and implement a research project analyzing a specific urban issue.

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 (satisfied in major requirements below)		
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	27

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.

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.

During the first 60 hours of coursework, students are advised to fulfill prerequisites for core courses and for required courses in the urban studies concentration they choose.

When prerequisites and general requirements have been satisfied, students must complete for the urban studies major:

- Core course requirements: 22 hours
- Interest area requirements: 18 hours

Total hours required for the major in urban studies: 40 hours

Code	Title	Credits
MATH 110	Precalculus Algebra (satisfies Math Pathway)	3
Required Courses		
GEOG 309/UPD 320	Urban Geography	3
URBAN ST 495	Urban Studies Internship	3
URBAN ST 499WI/ECON 406WI	Urban Studies Seminar	3
History		3
UPD 260	History Of Planning And Urban Design	
Statistics (Choose 1)		3
SOCIOL 363/CJC 303	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology/Criminal Justice	
STAT 235	Elementary Statistics	
Race/Class/Gender (Choose 1)		3
CJC 431	Hate & Bias Crimes	
ECON 314	Political Economy of Race, Class And Gender: Theory, History, And Policy	

REGS 321	Race and Ethnic Relations	
Urban Political Economy (Choose 1)		3
ECON 336	The Kansas City Economy	
ECON 458	Urban Economics	
Methods (Choose 1)		3
SOCIOL 362	Methods Of Sociological Research	
UPD 300	Quantitative Planning Methods And Techniques	
Interest Area Electives (see below)		18
Total Credits		45

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		45

Minimum GPA: 2.0

Total Credit Hours: 120

Interest Areas (18 hours)

In addition to the core requirements, 18 hours should be taken in an interest area:

- Community Development and Housing
- Community Organization and Social Services
- Urban Policy/Management

In consultation with an advisor, selected by the student or designated by the program director, students are expected to develop a program (reflecting interest and applicability to career goals) in one interest area: a recommended course and five electives from those listed under the interest area chosen. Students may not double count any core courses toward the 18 hours.

Community Development and Housing

Code	Title	Credits
Recommended Course		
UPD 340	Neighborhood And Community Development	3
Electives		
Select five of the following:		15
ANTHRO 331	Urban Anthropology	
ECON 336	The Kansas City Economy	
ENV-DSN 201	Environmental Design Studio I	
ENV-DSN 202	Environmental Design Studio II	
GEOG 203	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	
REGS 348	Latinx Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees in the U.S	
SOCIOL 365	Cities and Society	
UPD 203	GIS For Urban Planning	
UPD 260	History Of Planning And Urban Design	
UPD 280	Land Use Planning	
UPD 310	Planning And Design Studio I	
UPD 312	Planning And Design Studio II	
UPD 320	Planning Theory And Practice	
UPD 420	Transportation Planning	
UPD 430	Planning For Historic Preservation	
UPD 450	Planning Law And Practice	

UPD 472	Urban Redevelopment
Total Credits	18

Community Organization and Social Services

Code	Title	Credits
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Recommended Course

ANTHRO 331	Urban Anthropology	3
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Electives

Select five of the following:	15
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CJC 101	Introduction To Criminal Justice
CJC 431	Hate & Bias Crimes
CJC 481	Restorative Justice
ECON 314	Political Economy of Race, Class And Gender: Theory, History, And Policy
GEOG 203	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
POL-SCI 360	Labor, Politics and Society
REGS 348	Latinx Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees in the U.S
SOCIOL 211	Social And Psychological Development Through The Life Cycle
SOCIOL 302WI	Social Stratification
SOCIOL 322	Race And Ethnic Relations
SOCIOL 364	Immigration and the City
SOCIOL 365	Cities and Society
UPD 203	GIS For Urban Planning
UPD 340	Neighborhood And Community Development

Total Credits	18
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Urban Policy/Management

Code	Title	Credits
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Electives

Select six of the following:	18
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CJC 431	Hate & Bias Crimes
ECON 336	The Kansas City Economy
ECON 435	Public Finance
ECON 458	Urban Economics
GEOG 203	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
POL-SCI 360	Labor, Politics and Society
PUB-ADM 495	Nonprofit Organizations in Context
REGS 348	Latinx Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees in the U.S
SOCIOL 357	Social Movements
SOCIOL 364	Immigration and the City
UPD 203	GIS For Urban Planning
UPD 320	Planning Theory And Practice
UPD 420	Transportation Planning
UPD 430	Planning For Historic Preservation
UPD 432	Urban Environment Planning And Design
UPD 450	Planning Law And Practice

Total Credits	18
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NOTE: Courses counted towards the core requirements cannot be double-counted for the Interest Area Internship (3-6 hours)

In developing internships, students should first contact the urban studies director.

The student is expected to participate in work activities in a community organization and receive instruction from agency staff for a minimum of 240 hours on site by the end of the program.

The internship may be repeated up to a maximum of two semesters and should be taken as URBAN ST 495. Other internship courses may satisfy this requirement with approval of the advisor.

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).