

INTRODUCTION

University of Missouri - Kansas City (UMKC)

General undergraduate academic rules and regulations and graduate academic regulations and information apply to all undergraduate and graduate programs, respectively.

Prospective students should be aware that the University reserves the right to make changes in admission requirements, fees and other specifications in the catalog.

The web site address for the UMKC catalog is <http://umkc.edu/catalog> (<http://www.umkc.edu/catalog/>).

The UMKC catalog is the official record of degree program requirements. Students are expected to become thoroughly familiar with all academic regulations and requirements of this catalog pertaining to their program of study and to comply with its provisions.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) is one of four campuses that constitute the University of Missouri (<http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/about/>). Established in Columbia in 1839 on the ideals of Thomas Jefferson, the University of Missouri became a land-grant institution upon passage of the Morrill Act by Congress in 1862.

The University is governed by the Board of Curators (<http://www.umsystem.edu/curators/>), whose members are appointed by the governor of Missouri and confirmed by the Missouri Senate. The University president (<http://www.umsystem.edu/president/>) directs and coordinates the programs of the four campuses, with staff assistance in finance, business management, research, extension, development, public information and other UM system services.

The activities of each campus are supervised by a chancellor, who directs campus affairs within policies established by the Board of Curators and the president.

Accreditation

"Accreditation" is the primary means of assuring and improving the quality of higher education institutions and programs in the United States. Active for the past 100 years, this private, voluntary system of self-examination and peer review has been central to the creation of a U.S. higher education enterprise that is outstanding in many respects.

– *Council for Higher Education Accreditation*

The University of Missouri - Kansas City is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Higher Learning Commission

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The Higher Learning Commission accredits UMKC as a whole. Specific undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, are also accredited by other programmatic accrediting agencies. The accredited programs and their accrediting agencies are identified in the applicable academic unit and/or program information sections of the catalog.

Mission and Values

Mission (What We Do)

As an urban research university, our mission at the University of Missouri-Kansas City is to promote learning through the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge of public value across a broad spectrum of disciplines and fields of study. UMKC celebrates the individual and embodies diversity and inclusion by intertwining these goals with innovation to enable transformational impact aimed at bringing cultural, social, health and economic prosperity to the metropolitan, regional and global communities we serve.

Vision (Why We Do What We Do)

UMKC aspires to be an exemplary public urban research university of the 21st Century, pursuing excellence as a human-centric learning and discovery community, fostering equity, diversity and inclusion to enrich the lives of the people and regions we serve.

Learn more about the Chancellor's Strategic Plan (<https://www.umkc.edu/about/strategic-plan.html>).

Values

We, the community members of UMKC, are proud to contribute to a student-centered urban university, serving our mission of learning, discovery, research and service, inspired by our commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and respectful interaction.

Our key values:

- Accountability
- Learning
- Respect
- Diversity
- Collaboration
- Integrity

Learn more about the values of UMKC (PDF) (<https://www.umkc.edu/about/documents/UMKC-Values-Statement.pdf>).