

# ROO ADVISING

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UMKC is excited to introduce you to Roo Advising (<https://www.umkc.edu/provost/student-success/roo-advising.html>). This new initiative will allow us to provide students with an exceptional academic advising experience that is proactive, personalized, and comprehensive. Our advising program is designed to ensure students understand the requirements for their chosen degree programs, have a clear path to graduation, and engage with faculty and career services to prepare for their future career paths whether that is employment or a graduate or professional school. Additionally, Roo Advising will provide students the tools to enhance their self-efficacy and sense of agency, and will support our RooStrong (<https://www.umkc.edu/provost/strategic-initiatives/roo-strong.html>) model for personalizing student success and Culture of Care (<https://www.umkc.edu/provost/student-success/culture-of-caring.html>).

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## Major Academic Paths (MAPs)

Roo Advising is comprised of five Major Academic Paths (MAPs):

### Arts & Cultural Studies

This MAP houses the areas of study at UMKC which focus on creativity, performance, and scholarship across the liberal arts. Arts & Cultural Studies is comprised of Art and Art History, Dance, English, Film and Media, Languages and Literatures, Music, and Theatre. Faculty and alumni in this area have been internationally recognized for their creative works, performances, and scholarship. This MAP includes the following undergraduate majors:

- Art History
- Communication Studies-Film & Media
- Dance
- English
- Film & Media Arts
- Jazz Studies
- Languages & Literatures (Classical, French, International Studies, Spanish)
- Music
- Music Composition
- Music Education
- Music Performance
- Music Therapy
- Music Theory
- Studio Art
- Theatre

### Business & Management

This MAP houses the areas of study at UMKC which focus on the data driven understanding of business and the financial world. Students who select these majors seek to understand and engage real-world issues in every sector of industry and commerce related to management, marketing, entrepreneurship, accounting, and economics. This MAP includes the following undergraduate majors:

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Economics

### Human Behavior, Education, & Justice

This MAP houses the areas of study at UMKC which focus on people across the lifespan, individually and in groups. Students who select these majors are curious to understand and impact people's thoughts, actions, emotions, learning, relationships, and communication, all from various perspectives. This MAP includes the following undergraduate majors:

- Architectural Studies\*
- Communication Studies
- Criminal Justice & Criminology
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- History

- Liberal Arts
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology (Anthropology)
- Urban Planning & Design
- Urban Studies

\*Architectural Studies is a joint program with Kansas State University

## Natural & Health Sciences

This MAP has a foundation in physiological, chemical, and biological processes. Students in this MAP appreciate scientific inquiry and the creation and application of knowledge. Majors in this MAP prepare students for careers in healthcare, health administration, health promotion, disease prevention, biological and chemical research, and other employment opportunities in scientific industries. This MAP includes the following undergraduate majors:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Dental Hygiene
- Health Sciences
- Nursing

## Numbers, Engineering, Technology, & the Cosmos

This MAP houses the areas of study at UMKC which focus on physical, structural, and mathematical understanding. Students who select these majors desire to understand and engage in fields related to technology, geosciences, engineering, and physics. This MAP includes the following undergraduate majors:

- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Earth & Environmental Sciences
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Environmental Studies
- Information Technology
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Physics (Astronomy)

In addition to the five MAPs, Roo Advising is supported by a FLEX team and Life Coaches.

**Flex Team**-Our FLEX team is comprised of specialized advisors that will be available to support and encourage students who are exploring majors or transitioning between programs.

**Life Coaches**-Our Life Coaches are our first responders when faculty issue early alert flags. A Life Coach can help if your student finds themselves struggling during their time at UMKC! They can provide a listening ear, and provide tools to help your student juggle priorities (such as time management and solution-focused coaching). They can also serve as a bridge to other campus resources as needed.

## Academic Advising

All students new to UMKC are required to meet with an academic advisor prior to registering for classes. New freshmen are required to attend Orientation and will register for their first term courses during their Orientation session. Transfer students are encouraged to schedule an appointment with their assigned academic advisors soon after they confirm their admission to UMKC to discuss their transfer work and develop an enrollment plan. Transfer students are encouraged to attend Orientation to learn more about UMKC, our campus, and essential resources.

Every undergraduate student at UMKC is assigned an academic advisor. Our professional advisors are part of an entire success team that will be surrounding your student to help ensure their success. A student's assigned academic advisor should be their go-to person. If your student has a question and doesn't know who to ask, direct them to their academic advisor.

## Advising is a Partnership

Advising is a partnership between a student and their assigned academic advisor. This means that both partners have responsibilities to ensure a student's success.

The UMKC academic advisor role includes, but is not limited to:

- Supporting students in planning for course selection and registration.
- Helping students learn how AP, IB, and/or transfer credit may count towards their degree.
- Guiding students as they explore majors, minors, and certificates.
- Assisting students to understand policies, rules, and regulations important to their degree program and to the institution.
- Helping students with academic problems.
- Collaborating with UMKC faculty and staff to monitor student performance, following up if a student needs additional help.
- Informing students of resources they can utilize throughout their academic and career planning.
- Directing students to appropriate campus, system, and community resources to assist them to be successful.

The UMKC student role includes:

- Making time to explore, clarify, and confirm your goals for both your major and future career
- Meet regularly with your assigned academic advisor, especially when questions, concerns or issues arise
- Become familiar with the requirements for your major and degree program
- Know where to find essentials resources and technology on the UMKC website
- Plan ahead and come to advising appointments prepared with questions and topics for discussion
- Be open honest and willing to listen to your advisor, hear their recommendations, and be prepared to act on them

#### **Pre-Professional Health & Law**

Many students at UMKC are interested in career paths in healthcare and law. For students who plan to enter professional schools after finishing their undergraduate degree, we offer a variety of workshops, seminars, and pre-professional advising. Students are encouraged to select a major that matches their interests and provides the foundation necessary for success in their professional curriculum.

Students interested in the following areas are encouraged to connect with our Pre-Professional Advisor early and often:

- Anesthesiology
- Dental Hygiene
- Dentistry
- Law
- Medicine/Physician Assistant
- Nursing/Nurse Practitioner
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Physical Therapy
- Podiatry
- Public Health
- Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
- Veterinary Medicine