GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

General Education

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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 education needs. Program requirements are outlined in the tabs above.

UMKC Essentials

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1 Written communication (3 hrs) may also include previously approved courses not currently taught at UMKC (MOTRENGL 110, Technical Writing).

Missouri Transfer Core 42

General Education Requirements for Transfer Students

Per a requirement passed into Missouri law in 2016, a state-wide general education curriculum specific to transfer students was created to facilitate transfer among Missouri's public colleges and universities. This new state-wide curriculum requires 42 hours of coursework spread among five knowledge areas:

- Mathematical sciences – three (3) credit hours
- Natural sciences – seven (7) credit hours, including a course with a lab
- Humanities and fine arts – nine (9) credit hours from at least two disciplines
- Social and behavioral sciences – nine (9) credit hours, including a civics course
- Written and oral communications – nine (9) credit hours (six in written communications and three in oral communications)
- Additional hours – five (5) additional credit hours distributed among the above five knowledge areas.
All transfer students to UMKC from an accredited regional institution shall be treated the same as those transferring from a public Missouri institution of higher education. Starting Fall 2018, new incoming transfer students may be eligible to complete either the UMKC Core or Core 42 general education curriculum. Students may opt-in to the Core 42 via the following link: https://cf3.umkc.edu/registrar/motrcore42.

For more details on Core 42, please visit - https://dhe.mo.gov/core42.php.

Transfer Students with a Completed Core 42, an Associate of Arts degree or a Bachelor’s degree

- Students who complete the CORE 42 curriculum at a participating Missouri institution, an Associate of Arts degree from any regionally accredited institution, or a Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution before transferring will have met all UMKC general education requirements.

Transfer Students with General Education Coursework in Progress

- Students transferring to UMKC with at least twelve (12) post-high school college credit hours but without the completed Core 42 or Associate of Arts degree may have the option to complete either the UMKC Core or Core 42.
- Transfer guides are built based on the optimal general education curriculum to create your shortest path to graduation from UMKC.
- Your advisor will review your transfer credits with you prior to the end of your first semester at UMKC to help you determine which general education curriculum best suits your degree plan and moves you closest to graduation.
- General education requirements for some degrees – including education, engineering and nursing – differ due to professional licensing and other requirements. For these programs it is not to the student’s advantage to complete the Core 42 curriculum because Core 42 likely adds hours to the student’s individual plan of study to complete their UMKC degree. To avoid adding time and cost to the student’s UMKC experience, transfer students are encouraged to complete the UMKC Core for the following majors:
  - Dance, Bachelor of Fine Arts
  - Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Arts
  - Elementary Education, Bachelor of Arts
  - Jazz Studies, Bachelor of Music
  - Music Education, Bachelor of Music Education
  - Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-Licensure program)
  - Performance, Bachelor of Music (all instruments)

Transfer Credit Appeal Policy

Transfer students and/or post-secondary institutions who are not satisfied with a decision regarding the awarding of transfer credit may appeal the articulation of their coursework by completing a Transfer Articulation Appeal form. Students have 10 business days following notification of the transfer articulation decision to file an appeal. Submission of this form shall initiate a two-level review process facilitated by the university’s Transfer & Articulation Officer (TAO).

Policy

UMKC Essentials General Education Curriculum Policy & Guidelines

The policy and guidelines developed for UMKC Essentials are designed to align with the following values:

- Preference the student experience provided by the UMKC Essentials program (and the work of the Gen Ed 2.0 Program Development and Implementation Task Forces, as university-wide and interdisciplinary groups) as foundational to and overarching the individual programs of each academic unit.
- Ensure the foundational curriculum that students experience in the UMKC Essentials program is preparatory to further academic success by providing transparency in the development of cognitive skills and ways of thinking.
- Minimize barriers to student academic progress by determining student learning outcomes met through academic credit earned prior to entering UMKC.
- Recognize the unique challenges of transfer students without trying to control academic programs outside of UMKC.
- Recognize the unique challenges of academic programs that have highly scripted curricular requirements from external accrediting agencies, to reconcile these expectations with UMKC Essentials.
- Provide a sound mechanism for program assessment and quality improvement.

1. Optimizing Degree Completion for Both Native and Transfer Students

1.1 Program/degree requirements, where possible, should limit requirements (credit hours) to allow students electing the Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development (MDHEWD) Core 42 or UMKC Essentials to complete program within 120 hours.
1.2 All academic programs should consider, where possible, limiting program specific requirements to 78 hours of the minimum 120 to ensure full access to transfer students utilizing the Core 42 General Education program.

1.3 Some programs will be unable to comply with this expectation due to external accreditation requirements. UMKC Transfer Guides will clearly articulate optimal pathways to degree completion, especially when completion of the Core 42 or Associates Degree increases total hours to degree completion.

2. Building a robust UMKC Essentials Curriculum with Campus-wide Contributions

All academic units are encouraged to create a UMKC Essentials course for approval as a means to:

- Promote a “way of knowing” that provides value to all majors/interests areas;
- Increase the use of high impact practices early our students’ academic careers (increasing engagement and persistence);
- Assist students’ early exploration of academic interests, therefore recruitment of potential majors.

3. Designating Approved UMKC Essentials Courses for Degree-Specific/Program requirements

3.1 The use of UMKC Essentials General Education courses to fulfill individual degree/program requirements (“vertical double counting”) is allowed, at the discretion of the school/College curriculum committee. Since each academic unit has the authority to establish requirements for its degree programs, each academic unit must decide whether it will permit vertical double counting, and if so, to what extent, and in which degree programs.

3.2 Course approval for UMKC Essential General Education credit by the UMKC Essential Executive Committee must occur prior to a program modification proposal approval.

3.3 As with all undergraduate curricular changes, approval for program changes will be submitted to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) and recommended to the Provost for final action.

4. Using a Course to Fulfill More Than One UMKC Essentials Requirement

4.1 Using a course to fulfill more than one UMKC Essentials requirement (horizontal double counting) may not occur.

4.2 An approved course to complete the Missouri Constitution requirement may not be used to also satisfy a UMKC Essentials requirement.

5. Determining Alternative Curriculum Options to UMKC Essentials Requirements

5.1 Academic programs under external accreditation standards in which current minimum hours exceed 120 and general electives are not available may petition for alternative requirement completion:

5.1.a With prior approval of the Provost;

5.1.b Must obtain UMKC Essentials Executive Committee approval of any majors-only course signature assignment to ensure that the alternative addresses student learning outcomes in the Essential Questions area relative to the program’s field of study;

5.1.c Must meet HLC expectations for faculty credentialing necessary for instruction of designated student learning outcomes; and

5.1.d Must agree to archive/submit signature assignments in ePortfolio for annual review by the UMKC Assessment Team

5.2 Satisfaction of a UMKC Essentials Requirement by completing an approved alternative course will remain even in the event that the student elects to change major or academic program.

6. Optimizing the Educational Experience for Students Entering UMKC with Academic Credit earned prior to their first term of degree-seeking status at UMKC (Credit by Exam, Transfer or Dual High School)

6.1 Credit by Exam, Transfer or Dual High School academic credit will apply to the UMKC Essentials program in a way that optimizes the student’s prior educational experience. To this end, the following policy has been adopted:

6.1.a Credit related to Core Skills development (English Composition I, II, and Technical Writing; Mathematics, Oral Communication) will be based on a course-to-course equivalency evaluation and/or Core 42 MOTR course designation. UMKC Essentials Core Skills requirements will include all Core 42 approved courses, but may include additionally designated/approved UMKC courses.

6.1.b Credit for approved Core 42 courses (6 hours or more) within designated disciplines related to an Essential Questions (EQ) in Natural & Physical Sciences, the Social & Behavioral Sciences, or the Arts & Humanities will indicate that the student has met the Learning Outcomes of the EQ area and the requirement will be considered satisfied.

6.1.b.1 Six hours of coursework may be from the same academic area.
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6.1.b.2 Laboratory courses approved per Core 42 will contribute to the six (6) hours to satisfy the Natural and Physical Sciences UMKC Essentials requirement.

6.1.b.3 A course satisfying the Missouri Constitution requirement may not also contribute to the minimum six (6) hours to satisfy the Social & Behavioral Sciences UMKC Essentials requirement.

6.1.b.4 A maximum of three (3) hours of MOTR PERF (approved performance based Core 42 hours) may apply to the six (6) hours to satisfy the Arts and Humanities UMKC Essentials requirement.

6.1.c Limited prior credit (less than 6 hours) within a designated discipline related to an Essential Questions in Natural & Physical Sciences, the Social & Behavioral Sciences, or the Arts & Humanities will indicate that the student would benefit from the UMKC Essential curriculum. Therefore the student must complete a UMKC Essentials approved course.

6.2 Transfer students will have the option to elect either the UMKC Essentials General Education Program or the Core 42 curriculum to meet general education requirements.

7. Students demonstrating minimum UMKC Essentials Core Skills proficiency:

7.1 Math and Quantitative Reasoning - Students may satisfy this requirement by:

7.1.a Completing one of the following UMKC or equivalent Math Pathway courses: MATH 110, MATH 116, MATH 120, or STAT 115 (completing supporting corequisite courses do not fulfill the requirement)

7.1.b Completing one of the following UMKC or equivalent calculus or statistics courses: MATH 210, MATH 266, MATH 220, MATH 268, MATH 216, STAT 235

7.1.c Completing a mathematics or statistics course from a previous institution evaluated as not specifically equivalent to a UMKC course but designated at the 200 level or above

7.1.d Possessing the minimum ACT or SAT Math subscores (below), thereby providing an exemption.

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Academic units may require completion of a specific Math Pathways course for degree and/or major requirements.

7.2 Written Communication - Students may satisfy this requirement by:

7.2.a Completing 6 hours of UMKC or equivalent courses: ENGLISH 110, ENGLISH 225, MOTRENGL 110

7.2.b Possessing the minimum ACT (30) or SAT (690) English subscore, and 3 hours of ENGLISH 225

7.2.c Completing a transfer course equivalent to the UMKC ENGLISH 225 course and recorded on an official transcript

8. Optimizing the Educational Experience for Students transferring from UMKC with Completed UMKC Essentials or MDHEWD Core 42 General Education Program UMKC will transcript the completion of a student’s general education program once completed:

8.1 For the Core 42 following MDHEWD policy guidelines:

• Satisfactory completion of all Core 42 Program Requirements
• Satisfactory completion of a minimum of Core 42 designated credit hours

8.2 For the UMKC Essentials program under the following:

• Satisfactory completion of all UMKC Essentials Program Requirements
• Satisfactory completion of the Missouri Constitution Requirement (state-mandated)
• Satisfactory completion of a minimum of 42 credit hours of acceptable college work