The University of Missouri reserves the right at all times to discontinue, modify or otherwise change its degree programs when it determines it is in the best interest of the University. Students have the following options:

- Students who enter as first-time freshmen or transfer students may fulfill the degree requirements in effect at the time of their original admission to their degree program, provided there has not been a lapse in attendance at UMKC of more than one consecutive calendar year plus one term.
- Students accepted into any two-plus-two program (between UMKC and a community college) may fulfill the degree requirements in effect at the time of their original admission to the community college, provided no more than two years have elapsed since that original admission and enrollment has been continuous.
- Students may fulfill degree requirements in effect at the start of their senior year, provided that they have not had a lapse in attendance during the senior year at UMKC of more than one consecutive calendar year plus one term.