EXIT EXAMINATIONS

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Policy

The University of Missouri Board of Curators, the Missouri Department of Higher Education, Missouri statute 173.030.1(9)(e) RSMo, and the Higher Learning Commission require the university to assess the effectiveness of the general education program and all academic programs. With the exceptions noted below, all undergraduate, degree-seeking students must take a test of general education achievement prior to being granted a baccalaureate degree. Students in specified degree programs must also complete a Major Field Test prior to graduation.

Bachelor’s degree seeking students are required to take the exit exam after the completion of 90 hours and prior to graduation. There are three exceptions: 1) students who have earned a bachelor’s degree previously; 2) students who are seeking a bachelor of arts in education degree and teacher certification or who are seeking a bachelor of music education and teacher certification and have achieved a passing score on the certification exam(s) required by the State of Missouri; and 3) students in the RN to BSN program and the dental hygiene completion program who first entered the program prior to Fall 2019.

In addition to the exit exam to assess the effectiveness of the general education program, several degree programs require students to complete Major Field exams prior to graduation. The programs requiring the Major Field exams are listed on the Assessment website: https://info.umkc.edu/assessment/exit#exams/

The exit exams and the Major Field exams are administered by Testing Services. Aggregate results are analyzed and reported by the Office of Assessment. Scores are reported to the University of Missouri System by the Office of Institutional Research.

Major Field/HEIghten Participants:

You may register for your exams online by clicking HERE. Exam dates are posted two weeks after classes start each semester. Registration requires access with your UMKC Student Email account ID and password. You will be given a listing of the dates and times. Reminder Emails are scheduled to be sent 1-2 days prior to your chosen test date.

Major Field and HEIghten exams are scheduled and administered by the Office of Testing Services. If you have any problems with, or questions about, scheduling your exams, please contact testingservices@umkc.edu (testingservices@umkc.edu) or call (816) 235-5820.

ALL EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING EXIT EXAMS ARE SENT TO YOUR UMKC STUDENT EMAIL ACCOUNT ONLY.

All students are required to take the HEIghten exam after the completion of 90 hours and prior to graduation. There are four exceptions. One, if you have earned a Bachelor’s degree previously. Two, if you are a School of Education Bachelor’s degree-seeking teacher education student or a Bachelor of Music Education student in the Conservatory and have taken the entire C-BASE test and obtained a score of 235 in all five sections (English, Science, Math, Social Studies, and Writing). Three, if you are a School of Education Bachelor’s degree-seeking teacher education student or a Bachelor of Music Education student in the Conservatory and have taken the MoGEA and achieved the following scores: English (220), Writing (193), Math (183), Science (202) and Social Studies (202). If you are a student in the Bachelor of Science in Biology, Clinical Laboratory Sciences option, and have completed the clinical program in the School of Biological and Chemical Sciences. If you receive the Email notification to take this test and you have fulfilled one of these exceptions, contact Testing Services and we will input the exemption on your record.

Some degree programs require Major Field exams to be scheduled and administered through Testing Services Office: Biology BA, BS; Physics BA, BS; and Psychology BA. The schedule for these exams will also appear online for registration upon your individual access of the site. If you have any problems with, or questions about, scheduling your exams, please contact testingservices@umkc.edu (testingservices@umkc.edu) or call (816) 235-5820.

Exit exams are a degree requirement - if you fail to take your required exams before the end of the semester in which you plan to graduate, you will need to reapply for graduation. The University of Missouri Board of Curators, other state entities, and the national college accrediting agency require the University to assess the effectiveness of academic programs. All undergraduate students must take a test of general education and complete a major field test prior to being granted a baccalaureate degree. Graduation depends on completion of exit exam requirements.

Should you need to reschedule an exam, you may access this site and simply choose another date. This will automatically override the previously selected date. Click here for more information about HEIghten and Major Field Exams (http://www.umkc.edu/testingservices/assessment.asp).