

## Conservatory of Music and Dance, BA, BM, BME, BFA

### University of Missouri - Kansas City

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### Program Description

The Associate of Arts (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>), AA (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>) or the Associate of Fine Arts, AFA (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/requirements/associate-fine-arts/>) at JCCC are general transfer degrees and partner well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the AA or the AFA may select courses that satisfy both the AA or AFA degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the AA or the AFA allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. The AA or the AFA degree requires completion of 60 credit hours. Meeting with a JCCC counselor (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/counseling/academic-counseling/>) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses. Meeting with Conservatory faculty early is recommended as well.

UMKC Conservatory Degree Programs:

- Bachelor of Fine Arts
  - Dance
- Bachelor of Arts
  - Music
  - Music Therapy (emphasis)
  - Theater
- Bachelor of Music Education
  - Choral
  - Instrumental
- Bachelor of Music
  - Composition
  - Jazz Studies
  - Music Theory
  - Performance
    - Piano
    - Voice
    - Wind, Strings, Percussion (bassoon, clarinet, euphonium, flute, horn, oboe, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, tuba, cello, string bass, viola, violin)

**^All Transfer Students wanting to major in music must take a music theory transfer exam to determine placement in the curriculum. (Regardless of program desired)**

**^^Transfer Students are strongly encouraged to visit with the Conservatory Undergraduate Advisor (contact information above) prior to applying to UMKC.**

## Admission Requirements

### General UMKC Transfer Admission Requirements:

- 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA, individual programs/departments may require a higher GPA.
- Credit/No-credit or Pass/Fail coursework may only be applied to elective coursework and will not apply towards UMKC's General Education Core or major requirements.
- Equivalent courses may be repeated but all grades will be averaged for GPA calculation purposes and students will only receive credit for one attempt.
- Visit the full transfer admission requirements (<https://www.umkc.edu/transfer/apply.html>) for more information.

### Conservatory Transfer Admission Requirements:

#### Music and Dance programs:

- The priority application deadline for most programs is **December 15th** to be considered for the following fall semester. The application deadline for **Music Composition is December 1st**.
- Submit a Music/Dance resume or CV listing all relevant music or dance experience such as ensembles, schools, teachers, performances and awards.
- Submit two references. List the names and contact information of your references, and the application system will send an email to them requesting that they submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf.
- All undergraduate Music and Dance applications require an audition. You may select one of the three scheduled audition dates. Check the Conservatory website for audition repertoire and requirements.
- Other materials as they apply to your desired program, such as:
  - **Bachelor of Music in Composition** applicants submit a composition portfolio. Scores and videos can be uploaded directly to the application. Those who pass the composition evaluation will be invited to perform an audition.
  - **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance** applicants submit a dance photo by uploading it to the application.
  - **Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance** applicants submit a list of previously studied repertoire.
- Visit the admission requirements (<https://conservatory.umkc.edu/admissions/special-program-requirements.html>) for the full Conservatory Special Program.

#### Theatre program:

- Entry into the bachelor's degree in Theatre requires an informal interview with the Theatre Division. Students will select from one of three live audition and interview days when applying to the program. Please reach out to Conservatory Admissions with any scheduling concerns. Students are not required to perform or present portfolio materials for admission to the program, though they are welcome to do if interested in pursuing a Conservatory scholarship.

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## JCCC Transfer Guide Disclaimer

*It is the **student's responsibility** to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate information about the program, you must meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.*

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## Program Requirements

### General Education Requirements for Transfer Students:

All UMKC undergraduate students complete general education requirements. Completing an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree or the Associate of Science (A.S.) at JCCC will satisfy all general education requirements at UMKC, including the Constitution course requirement; however, students are still required to complete the Civics Exam. JCCC students transferring to UMKC without completing the A.A. or A.S. will have the option to elect to complete either the UMKC Essentials or the Missouri Transfer (MOTR) Core 42 curriculum to meet general education requirements. **Due to time to degree completion, it is advantageous for students in some programs, including Music and Dance programs, to complete UMKC Essentials.** Credit by Exam, Transfer credit, 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 learn more about these two options and UMKC general education requirements, including how transfer coursework applies then visit the general education requirements (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/umkc/umkc-general-education/>) for more information.

## Recommended Courses:

### All Conservatory majors

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
<b>Select one of the following:</b>					
ENGL 121	Composition I * (^General Education)	3	ENGLISH 110	Introduction to Academic Prose	3
<b>OR</b>					
ENGL 119	College Composition I with Review * (^General Education)	5	ENGLISH 110	Introduction to Academic Prose	3
ENGL 122	Composition II * (^General Education)	3	ENGLISH 225	English II: Interm Acad Prose	3
<b>Select one of the following:</b>					
COMS 121	Public Speaking (^General Education)	3	COMM-ST 110	Effective Speaking Listening	3
<b>OR</b>					
COMS 120	Interpersonal Communication (^General Education)	3	COMM-ST 277	Interpersonal Communication	3
<b>Select one of the following:</b>					
HIST 140	U.S. History to 1877 (^General Education; Meets Missouri Constitution Course Requirement for those not completing Associate degree)	3	HISTORY 101	U.S. History to 1877	3
<b>OR</b>					
HIST 141	U.S. History Since 1877 (^General Education; Meets Missouri Constitution Course Requirement for those not completing Associate degree)	3	HISTORY 102	U.S. History Since 1877	3
<b>OR</b>					
POLS 124	American National Government (^General Education; Meets Missouri Constitution Course Requirement for those not completing Associate degree)	3	POL-SCI 210	American Government	3
<b>Select one of the following:</b>					
MATH 151	Contemporary Mathematics * (^General Education)	3	MATH 116	Mathematics for Liberal Arts	3
<b>OR</b>					
MATH 161	Elementary Statistics * (^General Education)	3	STAT 115	Statistical Reasoning	3

<b>OR</b>					
MATH 171	College Algebra * (^General Education)	3	MATH 110 Precalculus Algebra		
<b>OR</b>					
MATH 173	Precalculus * (^General Education)	5	MATH 120	Precalculus	5

## Music majors

When entering the Conservatory, Music Majors must take a Music Theory placement exam regardless of previous courses taken. The following courses help *prepare* students for the theory exam.

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title		Hours		
<b>Select one of the following:</b>					
MUS 221	Piano Class I (Major Requirement)	2	CONSVTY 110	Keyboard Skills I	
<b>OR</b>					
MUS 222	Piano Class II * (Major Requirement)	2	CONSVTY 110	Keyboard Skills I	
MUS 223	Piano Class III * (Major Requirement)	2	CONSVTY 123	Keyboard Skills II	
MUS 141 & MUS 131	Music Theory: Harmony I and Sight-Singing and Ear Training I (Major Requirement)	5	CONSVTY 141	Musicianship I	
MUS 142 & MUS 132	Music Theory: Harmony II * and Sight-Singing and Ear Training II * (Major Requirement)	5	CONSVTY 142	Musicianship II	

## Theatre majors

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title		Hours		
THEA 120	Introduction to Theater (Major Requirement)	3	THEATRE 130	Making Theatre	3
THEA 130	Acting I * (Major Requirement)	3	THEATRE 110	Acting I	
THEA 133	Technical Practicum I (Major Requirement)(5)	1	THEATRE 180	Theatre Practicum	1
THEA 140	Basic Stagecraft (Major Requirement)	3	THEATRE 113	Intro to Technical Production	3
THEA 145	Introduction to Theater Design (Major Requirement)	3	THEATRE 210	Introduction To Design For The Theater	

\* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

5 Taken for minimum of five semesters.