

University of Missouri-Kansas City General Education Requirements

University of Missouri - Kansas City

Johnson County Community College Transfer Program to the University of Missouri - Kansas City	
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Degree Requirements for Transfer students:

Catalog Year

Requirements and regulations are provided in the UMKC Catalog (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/>) for every academic program. Transfer students from community colleges and other universities are permitted to complete degree requirements in effect at the time of their enrollment as freshmen at a community college or university, so long as their enrollment was continuous from year to year (summer semesters excluded), programs have not been discontinued, and the program is not one of the following selective programs: Conservatory, Professional Teacher Education, Nursing Pre-Licensure. Students admitted into a selective program are required to complete catalog requirements for the term in which the student is fully admitted to the selective program.

All transfer students may elect to complete degree requirements in place at the time they begin at UMKC as a degree seeking student. Your advisor will work with you in your first semester to help you determine an appropriate catalog year for your requirements. Visit the UMKC's Catalog Year Policy (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/undergraduate-academic-regulations-information/catalog-year-policy/>) for further details.

Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Examination

To comply with a requirement passed into Missouri law in 2018, all students entering UMKC for the first time in Fall 2019 or after who have not previously completed a bachelor's degree will be required to pass the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Examination with a score of 70% or higher as a condition of graduation. Successful completion of this examination at any Missouri institution will fulfill this state requirement for degree completion when noted on the student's transcript.

General Education Requirements for Transfer students:

All UMKC undergraduate students complete general education requirements. New incoming transfer students who have not completed an Associate of Arts degree (or an Associate of Science from JCCC) will have the option to elect either the UMKC Essentials or the Missouri Transfer (MOTR) Core 42 curriculum to meet general education requirements. To learn more about UMKC Essentials (<https://www.umkc.edu/provost/academics/general-education-resources.html>). For more details on MOTR Core 42 (<https://dhewd.mo.gov/higher-education/academic-affairs/core-42/>). **For most programs, MOTR Core 42 is recommended for transfer students. Students should refer to program-specific information when choosing general education courses.**

Missouri Transfer (MOTR) Core 42

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 state-wide Core 42 curriculum requires 42 hours of coursework spread amongst five knowledge areas:

- Written and Oral Communications – nine (9) credit hours (six in written communications and three in oral communications)
- Mathematical Sciences – three (3) credit hours minimum
- Natural Sciences – seven (7) credit hours minimum, from at least two disciplines, including a course with a lab
- Humanities & Fine Arts – nine (9) credit hours minimum, from at least two disciplines
- Social & Behavioral Sciences – nine (9) credit hours minimum, from at least two disciplines, including a civics course
- Additional hours – five (5) additional credit hours distributed amongst the above five knowledge areas

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 an Associate of Science degree from JCCC), 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 without the completed Core 42 or Associate of Arts degree (or an Associate of Science degree from JCCC) may have the option to complete either the UMKC Essentials or Core 42.
- 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 education needs.
- Transferring to UMKC from JCCC? Did you complete at least 15 credit hours at JCCC before transferring? You may be eligible to earn your associate's degree while working towards your bachelor's degree at UMKC. JCCC students are eligible to participate in the Missouri Reverse Transfer (<https://www.umkc.edu/transfer/transfer-credit/reverse-transfer.html>) program at UMKC.

Core 42 Exempt Programs - UMKC Essentials Curriculum Recommended

- Students who complete CORE 42 will meet the general education requirements for most liberal arts and sciences degrees at UMKC. However, general education requirements for some degrees 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 as it 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 Essentials for the following programs:
 - Dance, Bachelor of Fine Arts o Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Arts o Elementary Education, Bachelor of Arts
 - Jazz Studies, Bachelor of Music o Music Education, Bachelor of Music Education
 - Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-Licensure program)
 - Performance, Bachelor of Music (all instruments)

UMKC Essentials

The UMKC Essentials curriculum is comprised of Foundational courses in Written & Oral Communication, Math Pathways, and Civics, along with Essential Questions courses that will offer opportunities for conversations about perspectives and thought processes that will ultimately help you in your career.

- Credit related to Foundational course requirements (Written Communication, Oral Communication, Mathematics Pathway) and the Constitution course will be based on a course-to-course equivalency evaluation for UMKC Essentials and/or Core 42 MOTR course designation.
- Six (6) hours or more of credit for approved Core 42 courses (listed in tables below) 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.
- Nine (9) hours of UMKC Essentials coursework (First Semester Experience, Culture & Diversity, Civic & Urban Engagement) must be taken at UMKC.

Recommended Transfer Courses for General Education

WRITTEN & ORAL COMMUNICATION

6 hours in Written Communication and 3 hours in Oral Communication will fulfill either UMKC Essentials or Core 42 requirements.

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Select one of the following:					
COMS 120	Interpersonal Communication	3	COMM-ST 277	Interpersonal Communication	
COMS 121	Public Speaking	3	COMM-ST 110	Fund. Speaking Listening	
Select one of the following:					
ENGL 121	Composition I*	3	ENGLISH 110	Introduction to Academic Prose	3
ENGL 119	College Composition I with Review*	5	ENGLISH 110	Introduction to Academic Prose	3
ENGL 122	Composition II*	3	ENGLISH 225	English II: Intern Acad Prose	3
ENGL 123	Technical Writing I*	3	MOTR ENGL 110		

MATHEMATICS PATHWAYS

3 hours will fulfill either UMKC Essentials or Core 42 requirements

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
MATH 171	College Algebra* (Formerly College Algebra)	3	MATH 110	Precalculus Algebra	
MATH 173	Precalculus*	5	MATH 120	Precalculus	5

Students completing any mathematics or statistics course which requires one or more of the above courses as a prerequisite (e.g. Calculus I) will receive credit for that mathematics course towards general education requirements.

NATURAL SCIENCES Core 42:

7 hours of coursework from at least two disciplines, including a course with a lab UMKC Essentials: 6 hours of coursework

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
ASTR 120	Fundamentals of Astronomy	3	ASTR 150	Astronomy: Motion of the Cosmos	3
ASTR 122	Astronomy	4	ASTR 150+153L	Intro Astronomy Lab	
BIOL 121	Introductory Biology for Non-Majors	4	BIOLOGY 102+102L	Biology Living + Lab	
BIOL 125	General Botany	5	MOTRBIOL 100LB	Essentials in Biology: Botany	
BIOL 127	General Zoology	5	MOTRBIOL 100LZ	Essentials in Biology: Zoology	
BIOL 135	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4	BIOLOGY 108+108L	General Biology I	
BIOL 144	Human Anatomy and Physiology*	5	HLSC/NURSE 120	Anatomy Physiology I	
BIOL 225	Human Physiology*	4	LS-PHYS 217	Human Physiology	
BIOL 235	The Science of Human Nutrition*	3	CHEM 206	Human Nutrition	3
CHEM 120	Chemistry in Society*	4	CHEM 160+160L	Chemistry, Society, Env + Lab	

CHEM 122	Principles of Chemistry*	5	CHEM 115/115L Elements of Chemistry with Lab		
CHEM 124 & CHEM 125	General Chemistry I Lecture* and General Chemistry I Lab*	4	CHEM 211 & CHEM 211L	General Chemistry I and Experimental Gen Chemistry I	1
GEOS 140	Physical Geography	3	ENV-SCI 110R+110L	Understanding Earth + Lab	
GEOS 130	General Geology	5	GEOLOGY 220+220L	General Geology + Lab	
PHYS 130	College Physics I*	5	PHYSICS 210	General Physic I	4
PHYS 220	Engineering Physics I*	5	PHYSICS 240	Physics Scientist/ Engineers I	5
PSCI 120	Physical Science	4	PHY-SCI 110+110L	Foundations of Physical Sci.	

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Core 42: 9 hours of coursework from at least two disciplines including at least one Civics course

UMKC Essentials: 9 hours of coursework including at least one Civics course *Civics courses are denoted with ^ below*

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
ANTH 125	Cultural Anthropology	3	ANTHRO 103	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	
CJ 121	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3	CJC 101	Intro Criminal Justice	3
ECON 132	Survey of Economics	3	ECON 100	Economics Explained	
ECON 230	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 231	Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics	
HIST 140	U.S. History to 1877	3	HISTORY 101	U.S. History to 1877	3
HIST 141	U.S. History Since 1877	3	HISTORY 102	U.S. History Since 1877	3
HIST 151	World History: Traditional	3	HISTORY 206	World History to 1450	3
HIST 152	World History: Modern World	3	HISTORY 208	World History Since 1450	3
JOUR 120	Mass Media and Society	3	COMM-ST 220	Intro: Modern Comm Media	
POLS 124	American National Government	3	POL-SCI 210	American Government^	
POLS 132	Introduction to Comparative Government	3	POL-SCI 220	Intro to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 135	International Relations	3	POL-SCI 230	International Relations	3
PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYCH 210	General Psychology	3
PSYC 218	Human Development*	3	HLSC 252	Human Growth Development	
SOC 122	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOCIOL 101	Sociology: An Introduction	3
WGS 201	Global Women's Studies	3	REGS 204	Intro Wmn's/Gend/ Sexuality St.	3

HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS

Core 42: 9 hours of coursework from at least two different disciplines

UMKC Essentials: 6 hours of coursework

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
ART 130	Drawing I	3	ART 190	Drawing I	3
ART 138	Digital Imaging for Artists I	3	ART 114	Foundation Digital Design	
ARTH 180	Art History: Ancient to Medieval	3	ART-HIST 201	From Cave Painting to Cathedrals	
ARTH 182	Art History: Renaissance to Modern	3	ART HIST 202	From Michelangelo to Modernism	
ENGL 217	Literature by Women*	3	ENGLISH 242	Women Writing/Women Reading	
ENGL 223	Introduction to Creative Writing*	3	ENGLISH 216	The Craft of Creative Writing	
ENGL 227	Introduction to Poetry*	3	ENGLISH 215	Intro to Poetry	
ENGL 230	Introduction to Fiction*	3	ENGLISH 214	Intro to Fiction	
ENGL 235	Drama as Literature*	3	ENGLISH 213	Intro to Drama	
ENGL 237	British Literature after 1800*	3	ENGLISH 327	British Literature II	
ENGL 246	American Literature I*	3	ENGLISH 311	American Literature I	
ENGL 247	American Literature II*	3	ENGLISH 321	American Literature II	
ENGL 251	World Literature to 1620*	3	CLASSICS 210	Foundations of Ancient World Literature I	
FL 120	Elementary German I	5	GERMAN 110	Elementary German I	
FL 121	Elementary German II*	5	GERMAN 120	Elementary German II	
FL 130	Elementary Spanish I	5	SPANISH 110	Elementary Spanish I	
FL 131	Elementary Spanish II*	5	SPANISH 120	Elementary Spanish II	
FL 140	Elementary French I	5	FRENCH 110	Elementary French I	
FL 141	Elementary French II*	5	FRENCH 120	Elementary French II	
FMS 100	Intro to Film	3	FILM 230	Introduction to Film Studies	
HIST 125	Western Civilization: Ancient World to the Renaissance	3	HISTORY 201	European History to 1600	
HIST 126	Western Civilization: Scientific Revolution to the Modern Age	3	HISTORY 202	European History since 1600	
Select one of the following:					
HUM 155	Classical Mythology	3	CLASSICS 119	Myth and Literature	
HUM 156	Contemporary Approaches to World Mythology	3	CLASSICS 119	Myth and Literature	
MUS 121	Introduction to Music Listening	3	CONSVTY 120	Music Appreciation	
MUS 126	Introduction to World Music	3	CONSVTY 126	Introduction to World Music	
MUS 128	History of Rock and Roll Music	3	CONSVTY 125	History Dev of Rock Roll	
PHIL 121	Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHILOS 210	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 124	Logic and Critical Thinking	3	PHILOS 222	Foundations of Logic Scientific Reasoning	
PHIL 143	Ethics	3	PHILOS 221	Contemporary Moral Issues	

THEA 120	Introduction to Theater	3	THEATRE 130 Making Theatre
THEA 130	Acting I*	3	THEATRE 101 Introduction to Acting

ADDITIONAL HOURS for Core 42

5 additional hours from any of the above identified courses to reach 42 hours of Core 42 coursework

ADDITIONAL HOURS for UMKC Essentials

9 hours of coursework at UMKC: First Semester Experience, Culture & Diversity, Civic & Community Engagement

Electives to reach 42 credit hours of total coursework

* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

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