

Honors Program

University of Missouri - Kansas City

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Program Description

Upon completion of the JCCC Honors Program students are automatically accepted into the UMKC Honors Program once UMKC's admission requirements are met. JCCC Honors Program students are encouraged to apply for admission to the UMKC Honors Program. Transfer applicants must complete their application for admission to UMKC and their UMKC Honors Program application prior to the respective deadline for each application.

Transfer students who apply to UMKC by May 1 for fall admission will be considered for scholarship awards. Students who transfer in the spring semester should apply before November 15. Visit Admissions (<https://honors.umkc.edu/admissions/how-to-apply.html>) on how to apply to the Honors Program. For fall semesters, the **priority application deadline is March 15** and the final deadline is **August 1**. For spring semesters, the **priority deadline is December 1** and the final deadline is **January 7**. All students accepted to the Honors Program must also confirm their admission to officially join Honors. Visit the Honors Program (<https://honors.umkc.edu/>) for more information.

UMKC Honors Program Admission Requirements:

JCCC Honors Program students who are admitted to UMKC will be automatically considered for any merit scholarships for which they are eligible, including the Chancellor's Transfer Award, a scholarship of \$3,500 per academic year, plus non-resident fee differential if applicable or the Provost Transfer award, a scholarship of \$2,500 per academic year. Students must meet the GPA requirements to qualify for the Chancellor's and Provost Awards: a 3.5 GPA for the Chancellor's Award and a 3.0 GPA for the Provost Award.

- These scholarships are awarded to students who meet the following criteria:
 - Must have completed 24 transferrable credit hours before attending UMKC
 - Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in all college work attempted
 - Full-time enrollment at UMKC (12+ UMKC credits per semester)
 - Must be working on first Bachelor's Degree
 - Not available for Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Conservatory
 - Must be U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

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.*

Requirements for Transfer students:

JCCC Honors Program students who are accepted into the UMKC Honors Program may use up to 9 transfer honors credit hours toward the total honors credit hours required for graduation with University Honors from the UMKC Honors Program.

JCCC Honors Program students must earn a minimum grade of "B" in any JCCC honors course for it to be used to meet UMKC Honors Program requirements.

To graduate from UMKC with University Honors, students must complete 21 or 27 honors credits. The total number of honors credits required to graduate with University Honors is reduced for students who join the Honors Program after completing at least one full year of coursework at another university or college, as follows:

- If a student enters the Honors Program with more than 50 academic credits, they must complete 21 honors credits to graduate with University Honors. Up to 9 transfer honors credit hours may be counted toward this 21-credit total, leaving a balance of 12 honors credit hours to be completed at UMKC.

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 is required to graduate from UMKC with University Honors.

Students in the UMKC Honors Program have the option to complete a Senior Honors Thesis or Project, although it is not a program requirement. To graduate from UMKC as an Honors Scholar, students must complete a six-credit Senior Honors Thesis or Project in addition to the University Honors credit requirements noted above.

To help students develop the skills they need to solve social problems and address important issues, the Honors Program also offers students the option to participate in the Honors Leader Program. The program is a collection of six one-credit courses focusing on the four Honors pillars: social justice and cultural awareness; environmental sustainability; leadership and ethics; and Kansas City history and urban engagement. Upon graduation, students who complete four of the Honors Leader classes in addition to the University Honors requirements are designated as Honors Leaders.

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