

SUCCESS



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ABOUT ASM

UMKC's department of Academic Support and Mentoring (ASM) offers a wide range of services and programs to help students meet their academic goals. Services available through ASM include The Writing Studio, Supplemental Instruction, UMKC Tutoring, and Roo Up Seminars. ASM also provides programming and resources for Summer Bridge Scholars, Jumpstart KC, and Trustees' Scholars.

ASM's **mission** is to provide innovative support services and resources to ensure educational access and personal success for every student. Our **vision** is that every UMKC student persists and graduates with the personal and professional skills to achieve their vision of success. Learn more about ASM on our website at www.umkc.edu/asm.

Read on for highlights and information about our programs!

UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

JANUARY 30, 11AM - 1PM

ASM OPEN HOUSE

- STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF WELCOME!

FEBRUARY 12, 11:30AM - 1:30PM

ASM FACULTY/ADVISOR LUNCHEON AND OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 1 - DEADLINE FOR FALL 2020

REQUESTS FOR NEW SI COURSES
FACULTY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SI LEADERS

NEWS AND NOTES

Take a look at what's happening within ASM's initiatives and services.

ROO UP SEMINARS

ASM is excited to announce Roo Up Seminars! Roo Up Seminars are brief videos designed to assist students in improving academic skills such as note-taking, studying, test-taking, and time management. There are several topics currently available, and we will be adding additional topics throughout this academic year. The seminars are available to UMKC students as well as faculty and staff 24/7 through the Roo Up Seminars Canvas page at umkc.instructure.com/enroll/RNKNML or by clicking the button below.

ENROLL

If there are specific topics you think would benefit our students, or if you have any questions about Roo Up seminars, please contact:



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ASM BY THE NUMBERS

A look back at 2018-19

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED

Fall 2018
6,360

Spring 2019
3,207

NUMBER OF STUDENT EMPLOYEES
215

IMPACT OF SERVICES ON STUDENT PERSISTENCE TO GRADUATION

Data based upon three or more sessions/visits within a semester compared to "like" students who did not attend.

UMKC SI

7.8% overall persistence lift. Even greater impact for incoming freshmen (**12.68%**), Black or African American students (**10.82%**), part-time students (**12.97%**), and low-performing students (**24.25%**).

Writing Studio

3.7% overall persistence lift. Even greater impact for students at UMKC for 1-3 terms (**7.6%**), and Black or African American students (**11.7%**).



SI: DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Supplemental Instruction, or SI, is a method of peer-led group study sessions that was created at UMKC in 1973? SI has proven so effective at improving student academic performance that UMKC has become the home of The International Center for Supplemental Instruction, with international partners in Canada, Sweden, South Africa and Australia. Certified trainers for The International Center for SI provide training and resources to institutions across the United States, including hosting a biannual conference.

Serving more than 80 courses in 2019-20, UMKC's SI program achieves stellar results. Each semester the data demonstrate that, on average, students who participate in SI achieve higher course grades and lower rates of Ds, Fs, and withdrawals than students who do not participate in SI. In addition, a recent study showed that participating in SI three or more times within a semester results in a 7.8% lift in persistence to graduation.



For more information about SI, click the button to the left to see a video created by some of our SI Leaders this fall!



SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION (SI)

With our campus SI program achieving such positive results, we are seeking to reach greater numbers of students with SI. **Online SI** will be offered this spring in Chemistry 212R, Math 210, and Psychology 210. SI is also piloting an **Opt Out Model** this spring in partnership with the School of Nursing and Health Studies. "Opt Out" means that students will select their SI session at the time of registration, which is then populated within their schedule. The complete spring schedule of courses and times for SI can be found at umkc.edu/asm/umkcsi/schedule.cfm or by clicking the button below.

SI SCHEDULE

For additional information or inquiries regarding UMKC's SI program, please contact:



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UMKC TUTORING

UMKC Tutoring, formerly known as Math and Science Tutoring (MaST), is located on the second floor of the Atterbury Student Success Center, having moved from the third floor of the Miller Nichols Library just last year. UMKC Tutoring still provides tutoring support in mathematics, chemistry, biology, physics, and statistics and will continue to expand support of courses in criminal justice & criminology and political science.

UMKC Tutoring is excited to pilot **online tutoring** this spring to better meet the needs of UMKC students. We will begin with online sections of Biology 112, Political Science 210, and Statistics 235. Students will make appointments through TutorTrac and will meet with the tutor via Zoom.

Beginning January 21, tutoring will be available by appointment seven days a week if made at least 12 hours in advance using TutorTrac (tutortrac.umkc.edu), or by walk-in starting January 27, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Students should continue to visit TutorTrac for up-to-date walk-in availability and appointment scheduling.

Questions about tutoring? Please contact:



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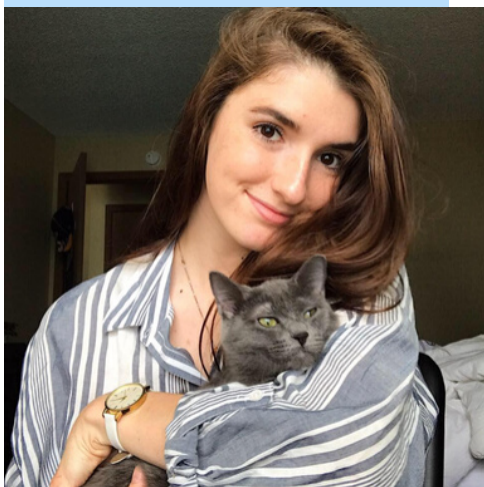
ASM'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

ASM has launched an **Advisory Council** comprised of 14 representatives from across UMKC's academic units. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to strengthen academic success services for UMKC's students by soliciting feedback from the represented unit, and by sharing information and ideas for innovation and continuous improvement with ASM.

The Advisory Council held their first meetings in October 2019 and January 2020, and will meet again in April. For a list of Advisory Council membership, click the button below.

[Advisory Council Members](#)

ASM STUDENT EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Camille Elias is an SI Leader for Biology 202, as well as a Peer Mentor with team leadership responsibilities for the campus SI program. Camille is highly committed to her work as an SI Leader, and appreciates the relationships she has made because of her work in SI. In Camille's words: "The most rewarding aspect of being a part of the UMKC SI team has been how many new friendships I have made. I have met amazing students, faculty, and other SI Leaders and I truly could not imagine [life] without any of those people or without SI!"

THE WRITING STUDIO

The Writing Studio provides personalized *one-with-one* support to students at any time during the writing process seven days per week at either of our two locations: 2nd floor Atterbury Student Success Center and 1st floor Miller Nichols Library.

The Writing Studio will offer a **pop-up location** at the Oak Street residence hall during the Spring 2020 semester. Students can email writingstudio@umkc.edu to find out more information. If your department would like to host a pop-up location either as a one-time event or a series of sessions, send an email to the above email address to be put in touch with our outreach team.

Faculty are invited to include information about the Writing Studio in their syllabi and Canvas sites. Click the buttons below for a syllabus blurb and a short informational video about the Writing Studio.

[Syllabus Blurb](#)

[Video](#)

Please contact us if you would like a writing consultant to provide your class a 5-10 minute overview of Writing Studio services and tips for getting the most out of sessions. We can also **provide workshops** over a variety of topics.

The Writing Studio is also hiring! Below is a button linked to information on workshop requests, and one for students interested in joining the consulting team.

[Workshops](#)

[Application](#)

For more information about The Writing Studio, please contact:



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SUMMER BRIDGE SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2020

The Summer Bridge Scholars program provides an academically rigorous summer experience to prepare incoming first-year college students for a successful college career at UMKC. In addition to earning college credit and improving their academic skills, Summer Bridge Scholars develop a sense of connectedness to the UMKC campus and larger Kansas City community. Scholars are placed in the program by Admissions based on the content of their UMKC applications.

Summer Bridge Scholars will be enrolled in six credit hours during the eight-week summer term as non-degree-seeking students. Specific coursework for each student will be determined by their major, test scores, and through discussions with advisors in their academic unit. New this year: Scholars will be required to achieve a minimum 2.0 GPA and attend 90% of Summer Bridge programming to be admitted as a degree-seeking student to UMKC in the Fall 2020 semester.



GET INVOLVED

Each year we host a Networking Event for Summer Bridge Scholars where faculty and professional staff from UMKC have the opportunity to meet and network with the Summer Bridge Scholars. If you will be on campus over the summer months and have the desire to serve as an on-campus professional mentor to a Summer Bridge Scholar, please contact Megan Elsen.



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