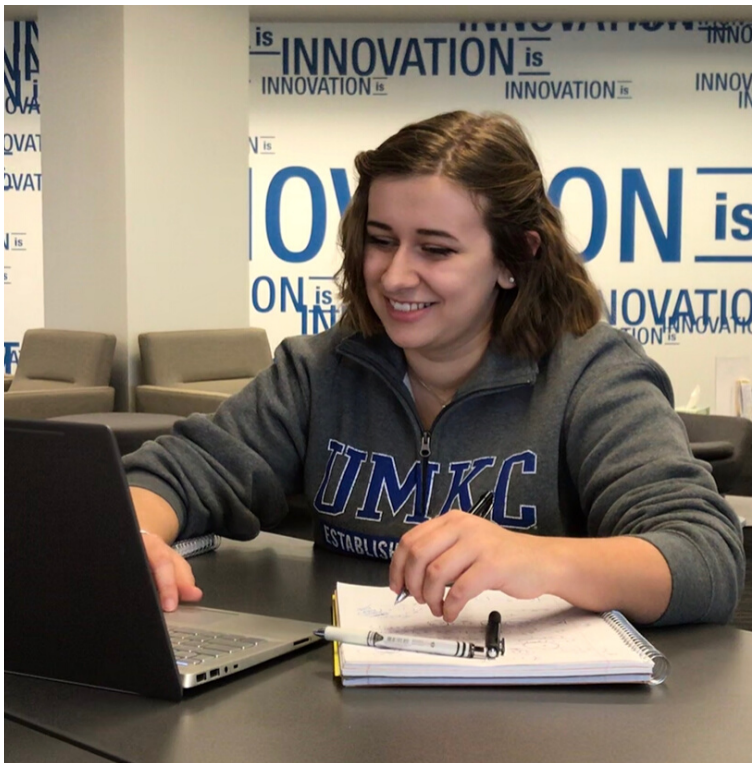


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ONLINE AND HYBRID SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

UMKC's campus SI program is piloting hybrid online/in-person SI sessions for Psychology 210 in Spring 2020. This new approach follows a Fall 2019 field test of online SI in a few select courses. The Psychology 210 hybrid sessions allow students to participate in interactive session activities in person or via Zoom.

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, 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 umkc.edu/asm.

UMKC TUTORING NEWS

UMKC Tutoring has started strong this semester with 155 visits from 87 unique students, up from 143 total visits from 83 unique students at this time last year.

UMKC Tutoring will be **closed** Saturday, March 21 through Saturday, March 28 for Spring Break.

For questions or additional information about UMKC Tutoring, please visit the website at umkc.edu/asm/mast or contact Heather Miller:



Heather Miller
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NEW ROO UP SEMINARS

Videos and resources for two new topics, **Preparing for a New Semester** and **Success in an Online Course**, are now live on the Roo Up Seminars Canvas page. New videos will be released on a monthly basis during the Spring 2020 semester. We are currently working on videos for self-care and the best study spaces on campus. All videos and resources can be accessed 24/7 by enrolling in the Canvas page at umkc.instructure.com/enroll/RNKNML.

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



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UMKC Tutoring Coordinator Heather Miller (center) and tutors Cole (left) and Ally (right) at ASM's 2019 Pop-In event.

HIRING SEASON

The Supplemental Instruction (SI) and UMKC Tutoring teams are requesting your recommendations for Fall 2020 SI Leader and tutor positions. Our goal is to hire students of only the highest caliber, and thoughtful recommendations from faculty, advisors, and staff are very much appreciated by our programs.

Please send your SI Leader recommendations to Jessica Elam at elamjm@umkc.edu, and your tutor recommendations to Heather Miller at millerhe@umkc.edu before **March 15, 2020**. The application/hiring timeline for the fall term for both tutors and SI Leaders is listed below:

- March 1-April 4: Applications accepted
- April 6-14: Group interviews followed by individual interviews (for those selected to move forward)
- April 29: Position notifications

Writing Consultant applications are also being accepted currently. If you know undergraduate or graduate students that might be interested in applying for one of our positions, please have them visit tinyurl.com/ApplyWS or apply using [Handshake](#).



WRITING STUDIO ON THE GO

Students living in the residence halls on Volker Campus now have a space to work with other writers and/or get feedback on their projects. The Writing Studio will be opening pop-up locations on the following days/times: Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Oak Street; Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Johnson Hall.

The Writing Studio will also have pop-up locations on the Health Sciences Campus this semester. Look for us in the School of Medicine during March and outside in the greenspace between the School of Medicine and the Health Sciences Building in April. If you would like to be placed on an email list to receive updates about our Health Sciences Campus activities, please email Dylan Sanchez, Writing Studio, Graduate Teaching Assistant:



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The Summer Bridge Scholars 2018 cohort

SUMMER BRIDGE SCHOLARS 2020

UMKC's Summer Bridge Scholars program provides an academically rigorous summer experience to prepare incoming first-year college students for a successful college career at UMKC. We are currently identifying students who could most benefit from the Summer Bridge experience through the admissions process, and we anticipate a cohort size of approximately 35 students for this year.

To learn more about Summer Bridge, please visit the website at umkc.edu/asm/summer, or contact Megan Elsen:



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SPRING BREAK GRADUATE WRITING RETREAT

The Writing Studio will host a graduate writing retreat in the Atterbury Student Success Center during Spring Break, March 23-26. Registration information will be in the School of Graduate Studies newsletter and forwarded to Graduate Writing Initiative faculty liaisons; however, if you would like to receive information directly, please contact Bryan Fox, Graduate Writing Initiative Teaching Assistant:



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WHAT ARE STUDENTS SAYING ABOUT ASM'S SERVICES?

Out of 244 total responses, 91% of students participating in ASM's services in Fall 2019 indicated they were satisfied or highly satisfied with their experience.

"If it weren't for UMKC tutoring, I probably would not have an A in my Chemistry class."

"I am not a native speaker. The Writing Studio helped me a lot with my papers. It is a good service because it means that UMKC cares about international students."

"SI helped me learn how to study and also served as additional class time to review material. I love that SI is free and accessible."

"I found a tutor that was really able to help me understand the material rather than just memorize it."

"The Writing Studio was extremely helpful. I went in with no clue what to write about and I got personal attention and walked out of my appointment with a thesis and an outline."

"The SI Sessions helped me solidify my knowledge and helped me see the gaps in my understanding of the material."

"Tutoring was one-on-one, convenient, and personalized to what I needed to learn."

"It is invaluable to have another person take a look at one's writing. Even if the paper is already strong, sometimes small things get noticed that improve the quality of the work."

"SI has helped me understand the material that we learned in class in a more organized manner. What I really liked about it was that they provided us with different fun and helpful ways to study the information from class."

JUMPSTART PARTNERSHIP

Academic Support and Mentoring is privileged to serve as a liaison for Jumpstart Kansas City. Jumpstart is a national early education organization working toward the day every child in America enters kindergarten prepared to succeed. In order to ensure that all children have an equal chance, Jumpstart partners with preschools in under-resourced communities across the country where the need is highest.

Each year, Jumpstart Kansas City recruits and trains 60 college students who implement the Jumpstart program in 4 preschools throughout Kansas City's urban core. Our Jumpstart members help 180 Kansas City children develop the language and literacy skills they need to set them on a path for academic and lifelong success. College students who participate in Jumpstart are eligible to receive a \$1,289 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award upon completion of the program year. Jumpstart has operated in Kansas City through a partnership with the University of Missouri-Kansas City since 2001.

Students can apply for the 2020-2021 program year starting in April 2020 by going to application.jstart.org. For more information students can contact Silvina Munita, Jumpstart Site Manager, by phone at 816-235-1003 or by email:



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ASM STUDENT EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Aneva Jefferson is a Jumpstart Team Leader, as well as the President for Psychology Club and NAMI UMKC. She manages commitments with a high level of quality both on campus and in the Kansas City community. Aneva has been a Jumpstart member for three years, and is excited to share how Jumpstart has influenced her future career goals:

"I love getting to spend time with kiddos every week. Their smiles and giggles bring me so much joy! I now want to use my experience with Jumpstart to pursue a career in child advocacy because I have seen how positively Jumpstart has impacted young children, and I want to continue providing educational support and resources to children and their families."

ASM ADVISORY COUNCIL

ASM's Advisory Council held their second of three annual meetings on January 10, 2020. Council members made suggestions and provided input regarding innovations and enhancements to ASM's services, reviewed and reflected upon data, and received updates regarding the progress that has been made on specific initiatives within ASM's strategic plan.

ASM launched the Advisory Council in October of 2019 with 14 representatives from across UMKC's academic units. The final meeting of AY20 is set for April 17.