General Education Requirements for Transfer students:
All UMKC undergraduate students complete general education requirements. The UMKC General Education Core (UMKC Core) curriculum is designed to provide knowledge and skills that are important for all students, no matter their major or field of study. For full details, see umkc.edu/core.

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 new state-wide curriculum requires 42 hours of coursework spread amongst five knowledge areas:
- Mathematical sciences – three (3) credit hours
- Natural sciences – seven (7) credit hours, including a course with a lab
- Humanities and fine arts – nine (9) credit hours from at least two disciplines
- Social and behavioral sciences – nine (9) credit hours, including a civics course
- Written and oral communications – nine (9) credit hours (six in written communications and three in oral communications)
- Additional hours – eight (8) additional credit hours distributed amongst the above five knowledge areas.

All transfer students to UMKC from an accredited regional institution shall be treated the same as those transferring from a public Missouri institution of higher education. Starting Fall 2018, new incoming transfer students may be eligible to complete either the UMKC Core or Core 42 general education curriculum. For more details on Core 42, please visit - https://dhe.mo.gov/core42.php.

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 (or approved Associate of Science) degree from any regionally accredited institution, 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 with at least twelve (12) post-high school college credit hours but without the completed Core 42 or Associate of Arts degree may have the option to complete either the UMKC Core or Core 42.
- Transfer guides are built based on the optimal general education curriculum to create your shortest path to graduation from UMKC.
- 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 moves you closest to graduation.

Core 42 Exempt Programs - UMKC Core 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 – including education, engineering and nursing – 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 because Core 42 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 Core for the following programs:

- Dance, Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Arts
- Elementary Education, Bachelor of Arts
- Jazz Studies, Bachelor of Music
- Music Education, Bachelor of Music Education
- Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-Licensure program)
- Performance, Bachelor of Music (all instruments)

**Early Assessment Requirements for Transfer Students:**
All UMKC students complete appropriate assessments required for their degree program(s). Assessments should be completed as soon as students are eligible in order to remain on-track for timely graduation. The following assessments are required for all students enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. For further information on other assessments required for specific degree programs, please visit: [catalog.umkc.edu/](http://catalog.umkc.edu/).

**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.

**RooWriter**
All students enrolled in an undergraduate degree program must complete the UMKC RooWriter writing assessment before they have completed 90 credit hours. The RooWriter is prerequisite required for enrollment in Writing Intensive (WI) courses. Transfer students who have satisfied the Discourse II or English Composition II requirement (as appropriate for their general education curriculum) should complete the RooWriter assessment before the end of their first term at UMKC. Undergraduate students who have earned a Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution are exempt from the RooWriter requirement.