



UMKC

Master Plan 2021

Planning Principles



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What are Planning Principles?

Interconnected, mission-driven
goals that help guide the
physical master planning process

Tie the mission,
vision, and values
of the university
with the physical plan

Guide
problem-solving
and decisions

Provide an important
standard by which
the plan and its
implementation can
be assessed

Serve as
guideposts for future
development - provide
continuity across
generations of planning

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Five planning principles have emerged from a large cross-section of stakeholder engagement sessions to create a vision for UMKC's campus that will support its students, faculty, staff, alumni and the large Kansas City community.

Student Success *Promote professional and social mobility for all learners*

Resiliency and Stewardship *Ensure stewardship of UMKC's mission, facilities and campus community*

Identity and Connectivity *Celebrate the UMKC's unique identity and role as an anchor institution in Kansas City*

Physical Environment *Elevate the quality and condition of buildings, landscape and streetscape*

Impactful Engagement *Advance engagement for the benefit of the community and the university*

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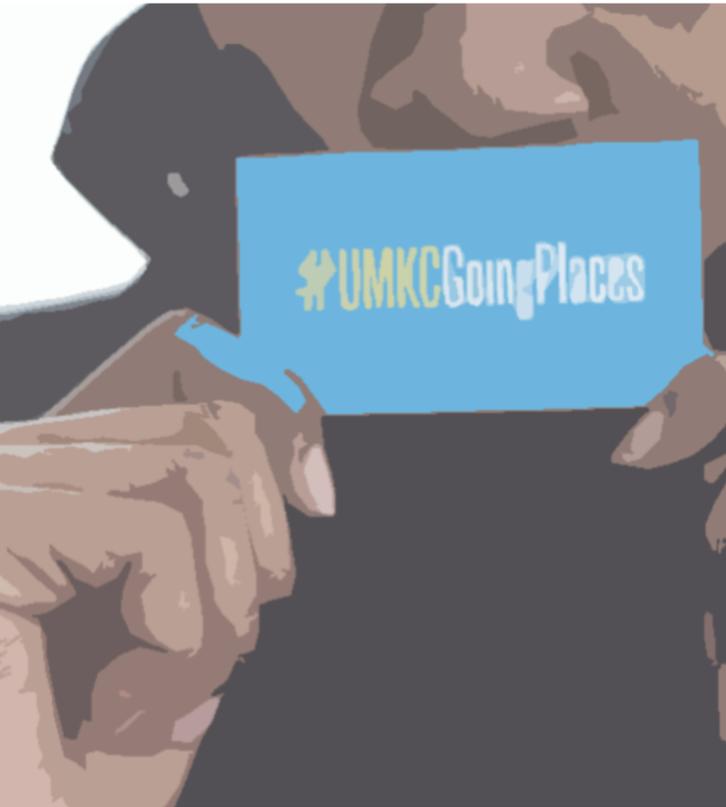


- Enhance student support spaces, career services, and health and wellness facilities to ensure student success and well-being.
- Provide high-quality and appropriate learning, research, study and living spaces that accommodate technology, flexible, modern instructional pedagogies, participation in applied learning and research, and support living and learning goals.
- Locate formal and informal student spaces throughout campus to support diverse learners, interdisciplinary collaboration, studying, socialization, and teamwork.
- Capitalize on UMKC's urban location with a comprehensive health sciences district to promote real world experiences and applied learning opportunities that enable transformational impact, engaged citizens, and job placement.
- Create a vibrant, fun environment that results in a sense of pride from the UMKC community.

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Resiliency and Stewardship

Ensure stewardship of UMKC's mission, facilities and campus community

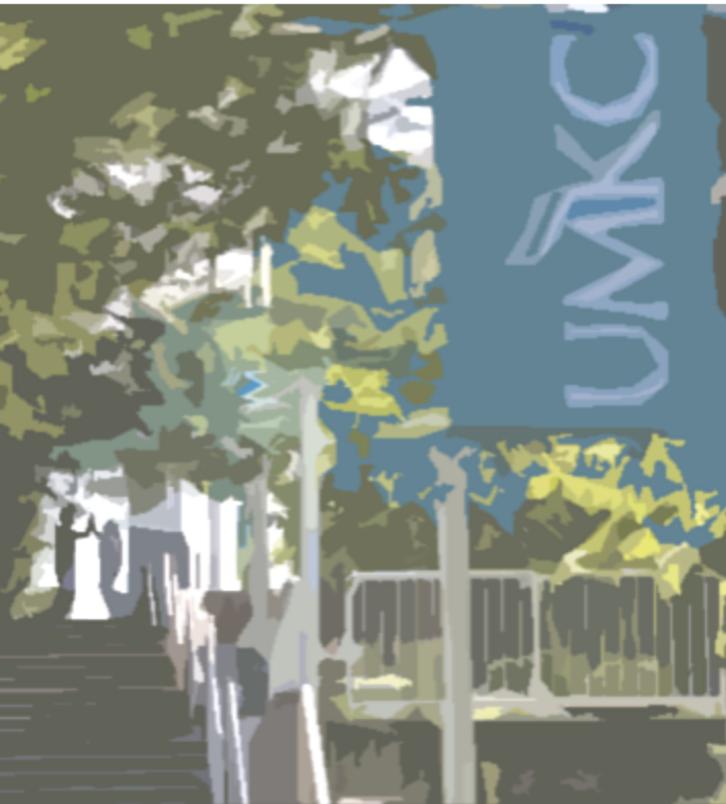


- Respond to higher education, economic and social needs in the State of Missouri and Kansas City
- Create an environment where individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives can find success in learning, teaching, research and engagement activities.
- Prioritize renewal and infill development opportunities and projects to densify campus and fulfill multiple academic, research and facility goals.
- Strategically align programs and facilities with budget and resources as they become available.
- Support social equity, sustainability, access and economic development.

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Identity and Connectivity

Celebrate the UMKC's unique identity and role as an anchor institution in Kansas City



- Strengthen the collective UMKC identity through strategies that tie the campuses together and to the Kansas City community.
- Support a welcoming, diverse and inclusive campus.
- Develop and clarify the edges, centers and gateways for campus with a consistent character that communicates wayfinding and the UMKC identity.
- Improve east-west connections and bridge to our neighborhoods and community
- Integrate UMKC's setting with a growing city rich in technology, innovation, finance, research, art, government and healthcare.
- Leverage the streetcar extension to better connect with and to Kansas City.

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Physical Environment

Elevate the quality and condition of buildings, landscape and streetscape



- Establish a flexible planning framework that can adapt to future needs and guide the development of the campus.
- Renovate and repurpose buildings and sites for their highest and best use.
- Prioritize investment where it will have the most transformative impact.
- Strengthen movement systems on campus: pedestrian, vehicular, bicycle, recreation and parking.
- Promote personal and pedestrian safety through clear sightlines and distinct intersections and crosswalks.
- Activate campus street corridors and open spaces. Better define our campus edges and define a series of centers within campus.
- Transform the indoor and outdoor environment and optimize greenspace on both campuses to promote vibrancy and collaboration.
- Strengthen environmental stewardship (*curriculum, research, buildings, landscape and infrastructure systems*)

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Impactful Engagement

Advance engagement for the benefit of the community and the university



- Advance a culture of innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration by developing shared spaces that inspire community, diversity of thought, partnerships, research, and equity.
- Support lifelong learning, delivered through an ever-evolving array of flexible, diverse, personalized formats on campus and in the community.
- Provide accessible and inclusive facilities on campus that accommodate all users – students, faculty, staff, visitors, communities, families, and patients.
- Leverage the arts, athletics, clinics, academic and outreach programs to provide transformational enhancements to social, cultural, health and economic prosperity.
- Utilize athletics to engage the UMKC and KC community and expand programs as an urban-serving university.
- Connect UMKC resources with partners to address community-identified needs and opportunities.