The General Education Curriculum Committee (GECC) adds the following guidelines to clarify the original intent of the Anchor courses within the UMKC General Education Core:

- The Anchor I/Discourse I pair should be completed by the end of the first year of study.
- The Anchor II/Discourse II pair should be completed by the end of the second year of study.
- Anchor I and Anchor II courses must be open to students from all units and majors.
- Anchor I and Anchor II courses may not be used to satisfy degree or major-specific requirements.
- Anchor III courses are upper-level courses and are required for all undergraduate degree-seeking students, including students who transfer with an Associate of Arts degree from a MO institution. Post-baccalaureate students are exempt from the Anchor III/Discourse III requirement. Anchor III courses may provide an entry point into a field of study, provided they are interdisciplinary courses (as described below) that substantively address the Civic and Community Engagement Student Learning outcome. These courses must be open to students from all units and majors.
- Anchor I, II, and III courses should not have pre-requisites beyond the previous level of Anchor and Discourse courses or co-requisites beyond the Discourse course with which they are paired. Exceptions which are necessary for the pedagogical integrity of the course must be justified by the instructors and will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the GECC.

The above guidelines have been added to the original guidelines given below:

**Anchor Courses:** These courses are meant to teach interdisciplinary thinking and are related to specific content areas. They are tied to Discourse courses to allow for broad cohorting of students.

- Must be interdisciplinary, meaning they cut across different recognized academic disciplines.
- Taught by instructors from different departments, who team to teach the content. Instructors should have contact with one another in the classroom, in front of the students, as part of the course plan.
- Courses should highlight different modes of thinking, exemplified for example by the team of instructors leading conversations to highlight their different disciplines.
- Paired with co-requisite Discourse I (Reasoning and Values), II (Culture and Diversity), or III (Civic and Community Engagement) courses.
- We expect that the course aligns with Discourse content at the level of the paired Discourse course (writings, readings, comprehension, oral comm.)
- Must identify an area/topic from among Reasoning and Values, Culture and Diversity, or Civic and Community Engagement.
- Must assess the related learning outcome(s).
- Anchor courses could be higher enrollment courses.
- Students must take Anchor III; they cannot waive it.