

**University of Missouri-Kansas City**  
**Academic Program Review**  
**Overview and Timeline**

Academic Program Review contributes to UMKC's goal to become a data-driven and developmental organization through understanding and enhancing the student experience. To this end, the goals for Academic Program Review are:

- to foster a culture of continuous quality improvement;
- to validate the program's contributions to supporting and enhancing student engagement and student learning;
- to identify priorities for resources investment; and
- to learn about the program's challenges and opportunities through the perspectives of diverse constituents.

Assessment of student learning achievement and the resulting plans for programmatic alterations to support student learning are essential components in understanding and enhancing the student experience in academic and co-curricular areas. Assessment of student learning supports UMKC's emphasis on continuous improvement, reflects the quality of the student experience in the learning environment, and serves as a core component of program review. The information and understandings that emerge from the assessment and program review processes provide the foundation for planning and the resource allocation on programmatic, unit, and university levels.

***Assessment of Student Learning Annual Report:***

*Programs participating in a program review cycle are expected to continue engagement in assessment of student learning and submission of the annual assessment report:*

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| <b>October 15</b> | The program director, department chair, or assessment coordinator submits the Annual Assessment Report to the folder in the Assessment Archives in Box. |
| <b>Jan</b>        | The University Assessment Committee provides feedback to the program concerning the information presented in the Annual Assessment Report.              |
| <b>Jan-Oct</b>    | Alterations are made to the assessment plan and the learning experiences as warranted and assessment of student learning continues.                     |

***Self-Study Report and Action Plan***

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| <b>September</b>  | <p>The Director of Assessment meets with the Dean, Associate Dean(s), and other representatives identified by the Dean. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the expectations, timeline, and format for the Academic Program Review.</p> <p>The Director of Assessment and/or the Dean's representative contacts the program director and the department chair (if different) to indicate that the program will be engaged in program review during the current academic year cycle and provides the timeline and documents for the review.</p> |
| <b>October 31</b> | The Director of Institutional Research uploads the Statistical Summary Overview Report to the departmental Academic Program Review folder in Box.  |
| <b>Oct - Nov</b>  | Program faculty complete the Self-Study Report Form, following the guidelines provided in the Self-Study Report Outline.   |

- Dec 15** The department chair submits the Self-Study Report Form to the Dean.
- Dec – Jan** The Dean reviews the Self-Study Report.
- Feb 15** The Dean provides feedback to the program director, department chair, and Associate Dean concerning the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the report, the status of the program, the accomplishments, and the plans for improvement.
- Feb - Mar** Program faculty address the recommendations and revise the Self-Study Report.
- March 15** The department chair submits the final Self-Study Report Form and the Academic Program Review Checklist to the Dean.
- April 1** The Dean submits the final Self-Study Report and Checklist to the Office of Assessment and, for graduate and professional programs, also to the Graduate Council.
- May 1** The Director of Assessment prepares Executive Summaries for the Provost. Graduate Council submits feedback to the Dean, department chair, and Director of Assessment.
- May** The Dean, department chair, and program director (if different) meet with the Provost and the Director of Assessment to discuss the key aspects of the Self-Study Report and the proposed action plan.
- June** The Dean, program director, and department chair finalize the Action Plan and submit the signed form to the Office of Assessment.
- The Director of Assessment prepares and submits the *Executive Summary of Program Assessment* forms to the UM System Department of Academic Affairs.
- August** The Dean meets with the department chair and program director to discuss Action Plan implementation and monitoring.
- September** The Provost meets with the department faculty to discuss key aspects of the program review process, Self-Study Report, and plans for improvement.

***Academic Program Review Documents:***

The following documents are available on the Program Review Website <https://info.umkc.edu/academic-program-review/> or upon request to the Director of Assessment, unless noted:

- Academic Program Review Policy (available in the Academic Policy Library <https://www.umkc.edu/Provost/policy-library/default.aspx>)
- UMKC Academic Program Review Guidelines
- Scheduled Five-Year Reviews
- Program Review Timeline
- Self-Study Report Outline
- Self-Study Report Form
- Action Plan Form
- Statistical Overview Report (in the department’s Academic Program Review Folder in Box)
- Statistical Data Definitions (in the department’s Academic Program Review Folder in Box)
- UM System Executive Summary of Program Assessment Form