Welcome to UMKC! As a student, you will have opportunities to engage with talented and caring faculty and be challenged to explore, create, and grow.

UMKC is committed to providing you the resources and services you need to be successful and to ensure your time here is rewarding and fulfilling.

The Student Handbook is designed to assist you in becoming acquainted with the University community as well as familiar with its policies and procedures. The information contained in this handbook will aid in your success while at UMKC--in the classroom and beyond. The topics included are divided into categories, allowing you to access closely related subjects easily and quickly. The Handbook also contains the Student Code of Conduct and information on how to be an engaged member of our community. All students are responsible for knowing the information this handbook contains.

Again, welcome to UMKC and we look forward to working with you to achieve your educational goals. Along the way, some of your most memorable and meaningful experiences will occur outside of the classroom, so be sure to get involved in student organizations on campus, volunteer your time and energy to good causes, and make UMKC your own.

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Who We Are
UMKC is a unique urban research university. Explore our history and learn more about our goals for the future! Below are descriptions of what lies at the core of the University and links to find more information.

University Vision and Mission

Our Mission (what we do): As an urban research university, the mission of the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) is to promote learning through the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge of public value across a broad spectrum of disciplines and fields of study. UMKC celebrates the individual and embodies diversity and inclusion by intertwining these goals with innovation to enable transformational societal impact aimed at bringing cultural, social, health and economic prosperity to the metropolitan, regional and global communities it serves.

Our Vision (why we do what we do): UMKC aspires to be an exemplary public urban research university of the 21st Century, pursuing excellence as a human-centric learning and discovery community, fostering equity, diversity and inclusion to enrich the lives of the people and regions it serves.

Our Values: We, the community members of UMKC, are proud to contribute to a student-centered urban university, serving our mission of learning, discovery, research and service, inspired by our commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and respectful interaction. Our key values:

- Accountability
- Learning
- Respect
- Diversity
- Collaboration
- Integrity
Strategic Plan
UMKC recently completed its Strategic Plan process, during which the university community developed five overall pillars that support our vision and mission:

- **Pillar 1:** Provide exceptional student learning, success and experience
- **Pillar 2:** Become a thriving discovery enterprise
- **Pillar 3:** Transform our community and region with impactful engagement
- **Pillar 4:** Foster an environment of invigorating multiculturalism, globalism, diversity and inclusion
- **Pillar 5:** Develop a strong and resilient people, process and physical infrastructure

Find out more about UMKC's Strategic Plan.

University Leadership
The University of Missouri--Kansas City is part of the University of Missouri System which is led by a President and the Board of Curators. The UM System includes the University of Missouri--Columbia, University of Missouri--St. Louis, and Missouri University of Science and Technology.

UMKC's leadership includes:

- C. Mauli Agrawal, Chancellor
- Jennifer Lundgren, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- Curt Crespino, Vice Chancellor for Advancement Services
- Carol Hintz, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources
- Sharon Lindenbaum, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration
- Brandon Martin, Athletic Director
- Anne Spenner, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Marketing and Communications
- Susan Wilson, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion

Find out more about UMKC's leadership.
Find out more about the University of Missouri System.

Division of Student Affairs
The Division of Student Affairs is responsible for providing a variety of student support, service, and educational programs to the University community. The Division also facilitates the total educational growth and development of UMKC students to include personal, social, physical, cultural, leadership and intellectual development, as well as student conduct and responsibilities.
Student Affairs Offices include:

- Campus Recreation
- Counseling Services
- Disability Services
- Multicultural Student Affairs
- Residential Life
- Student Conduct and Civility
- Student Health & Wellness
- Student HelpLine
- Student Involvement
- Student Union and Student Success Center Operations
- Women's Center

**History and Traditions**

If it weren’t for William Volker, a local philanthropist who still had some money left during the Great Depression, UMKC might not be here today. The University of Kansas City (or UKC) was chartered with the City of Kansas City in 1929, but didn’t have a home until 1930, when Volker donated a 40-acre site near 51st and Rockhill Road. UKC opened in the fall of 1933 with 17 faculty members and 264 students. Classes were held in the old Dickey mansion, which is now called Scofield Hall. In 1963, UKC became a part of the University of Missouri System.

The idea for having a kangaroo as the mascot for the University of Kansas City began more than a year before the marsupial actually appeared on the scene. An article, “Kangaroo may go to KCU ... Student Editors Believe University Should Have a Symbol,” appeared in a September 1936 edition of *The Kansas City Star*. Will Mansfield, feature writer for the KCU yearbook, was quoted as saying, “The Kangaroo would be a good name for the debate squad, since there (was) no university athletic team.” Interest continued to grow when the Kansas City Zoo purchased two baby kangaroos. Soon after, the first known drawing of the kangaroo appeared on the cover of the November 1937 issue of a KCU humor magazine. Six months later, the cover featured the kangaroo shaking paws with Mickey Mouse, drawn by none other than Walt Disney.

Find out more about UMKC's history and traditions.
Accreditation
UMKC is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

In addition, specific undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are also accredited by other governing agencies and organizations. Notice of accreditation for each program can be found in the appropriate section of the UMKC Catalog.

Find out more about UMKC's HLC accreditation process.
Learning Environment
UMKC strives to maintain the best possible learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff. Below are descriptions of policies set in place to help preserve this environment in the classroom and around campus, as well as links to more information.

Notice of Nondiscrimination and Title IX Compliance
UMKC is committed to providing equal opportunities to all students and applicants for admissions without unlawful discrimination on the basis of a protected identity, or their race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable state or federal law.

The University complies with all federal and state laws and University of Missouri System policy regarding nondiscrimination, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Missouri Human Rights Act Chapter 213 RSMo.

To ensure compliance, all University of Missouri admitted and enrolled students have available to them the UM Collected Rules and Regulations Chapter 600 Equal Employment/Educational Opportunity for resolving complaints regarding alleged discrimination and harassment related to recruitment, admission, financial aid, treatment in an educational program, student employment, or other matters relating to campus living or student life.

UMKC is dedicated to the safety and security of all our students, faculty and staff. UMKC’s Title IX Coordinator/Equity Officer is trained to receive complaints of discrimination and harassment based on protected identity, including sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, sexual violence and sexual assault, from students, faculty, or staff and will coordinate with campus offices and administrators as appropriate to address these complaints. The Office of Affirmative Action (Equity & Title IX) is the primary resource for individuals who believe they have experienced any form of protected identity discrimination or harassment.

Any questions can be directed to UMKC’s Title IX Coordinator/Equity Officer:

**KC Atkinson, J.D.**
Director of Affirmative Action
Administrative Center, Room 212
Kansas City, MO 64112
816-235-6705®
atkinsonk@umkc.edu
Learn more about:

- The Office of Affirmative Action (Equity & Title IX)
- UMKC’s confidential advocates in RISE: Resources, Intervention, Support, & Education
- Title IX at UMKC
- Equity at UMKC
- Support & Resources at UMKC
- Education & Prevention at UMKC

**Open Campus**

The “open campus” has long been a traditional policy at UMKC. During formal sessions or in informal settings, the entire academic community, students, faculty and staff, have the right to hear and express varying viewpoints.

In addition, the freedom to demonstrate in an orderly fashion as a means of presenting views is recognized by the University. However, UMKC does not condone demonstrations that interfere with the freedom of decision and action of other students or that prevents the free movement of students to or from classes, lectures, seminars or employment interviews. When such demonstrations occur, the institution and academic community must take action, even if such action protects the rights of just one student.

Freedom of expression is one of the hallmarks of a democratic society. While orderly demonstrations are not to be interpreted as infractions of University rules, disorderly demonstrations that disrupt the normal life on campus are considered violations. In these cases, individuals who are responsible will be subject to the established disciplinary procedures and policies.

Learn more about:

- The Campus Free Expression Act of 2015
- Free Expression at UMKC
- UMKC’s Student Standard of Conduct
- Making a Report of a violation of the right to free expression

**Intellectual Pluralism and Expressions of Perceived Bias**

We are committed to Intellectual Pluralism in its many dimensions – political, cultural, religious, international, disciplinary, economic, lifestyle – and to encouraging and supporting robust debates over matters of academic interest, as it is vitally important for UMKC to foster and maintain an educational environment that promotes free discussion, inquiry and expression by
students inside the classroom and beyond, without fear that their exercise of such rights will have negative repercussions in areas over which the University has responsibility.

It is equally important that students understand the narrow line separating their First Amendment rights and the legal and privacy rights of others so that students can exercise those rights within appropriate boundaries.

Students who believe the conduct of others has crossed this narrow line may choose to report this conduct as an expression of perceived bias, which may occur when someone believes that they have been subjected to harassment, bullying, stereotyping, microaggressions, abuse, marginalization, or any other form of targeted misconduct because they identify or are associated with a particular group or idea.

Learn more about:
- Free Expression at UMKC
- Expressions of Perceived Bias at UMKC
- Making a Report of a violation of the right to free expression
- Making a Report of an expression of perceived bias
- UMKC Student Helpline
- Support Resources at UMKC

**Students' Right to Know**

Various state and federal laws, specifically the Higher Education Opportunity Act, require Colleges and Universities to provide information and notice to students on a variety of topics. In accordance with Public Law 101-542, UMKC reports 75 percent of its first-time full-time degree-seeking freshman return the second year. The UMKC Police Department publishes an annual campus report on personal safety and crime statistics. The Report includes statistics from the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings owned or controlled by UMKC; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault and other matters. The report is also available at the UMKC Police Department, 5005 Oak Street.

Find out more UMKC Facts and Figures.
Read the annual Campus Crime and Fire Report (Clery Report).
Read the Student Consumer Information.
Student Conduct and Honor Codes
All students at the University of Missouri–Kansas City are expected to abide by the Standard of Conduct as described in the University of Missouri System Collected Rules and Regulations. In addition, some academic programs have honor codes and other standards for students enrolled in these programs, including the Schools of Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy.

University of Missouri Student Standard of Conduct
Chapter 200 of the UM Collected Rules and Regulations outlines the Standard of Conduct all students are expected to uphold as well as the rules and procedures for student disciplinary matters. The conduct code is designed to ensure social responsibility, academic integrity, and the safety of our community.

Students found to be in violation of the Standard of Conduct may face sanctions ranging from warning to expulsion. Students have the right to a formal hearing. Questions about student conduct may be directed to the UMKC Office of Student Conduct and Civility.

UMKC Office of Student Conduct and Civility.
Read the UM Student Standard of Conduct.
Read the UM Rules of Procedures in Student Conduct Matters.
Read the UM Equal Employment/Educational Opportunity Policy and Equity Resolution Processes.

Academic Program Honor Codes and Standards

- School of Dentistry
- School of Law
- School of Medicine
- School of Nursing and Health Studies
- School of Pharmacy
Academic Resources
UMKC provides a wide variety of resources to help students successfully reach their academic goals. Below you will find a short description of these programs and links to their websites for more details. For academic policies and specific requirements for your degree program, please see the UMKC Catalog.

Academic Support and Mentoring
Academic Support and Mentoring (ASM) provides UMKC students with several programs designed to improve their academic performance and transition to the University, including: Supplemental Instruction, Tutoring Services, Summer Bridge, Roo Up Seminars, and the Writing Studio. In addition, ASM administers UMKC's federal grant program, Jumpstart (Americorps), which matches college students with area pre-school children to help them build a strong learning foundation for future success.

Find out more about Academic Support and Mentoring.

Academic Advising and Roo Advising
Academic advisors assist students in developing their academic goals, help navigate degree requirements, and explore career options related to their chosen majors. Many degree programs require students to meet with an academic advisor prior to enrollment each semester; additionally, some programs utilize professional staff advisors as well as faculty advisors.

Roo Advising is a new advising model designed to provide students a proactive, personalized, and comprehensive experience organized around Major Academic Paths: Arts & Cultural Studies; Human Behavior, Education, and Justice; Business & Management; Numbers, Engineering, Technology, & the Cosmos; and Natural & Health Sciences. Students engaging with Roo Advising will understand the requirements for their chosen degree programs, have a clear path to graduation, and engage with Faculty Mentors to build a Career Plan to prepare for graduate and professional school or employment opportunities.

Find out more about Academic Advising.
Learn more about Roo Advising.
**Academic Policies and Catalogs**

The Provost’s Office maintains the Academic Policy Library and Academic Catalogs for undergraduate programs and graduate & professional programs. Students are expected to become familiar and to comply with all academic policies and program requirements.

Search the Academic Policy Library.
Search the UMKC Catalog.

**Career Services**

The mission of UMKC's Career Services is to empower students to successfully develop, evaluate, and initiate career planning and professional development within a constantly changing work environment. Students utilize Handshake to request a career counseling appointment, begin searching for jobs and internships, and to learn about upcoming career events.

Find out more about Career Services.

**Disability Services**

UMKC is committed to being a disability-aware campus in which faculty, staff and students understand the unique challenges, myths and stereotypes faced by people with disabilities; recognize the unique contributions that people with disabilities make to society; and accept and engage people with disabilities in the daily flow of life. Most importantly, Services for Students with Disabilities assists students in achieving their academic goals at UMKC.

Find out more about Services for Students with Disabilities.
Read the UM policy related to students with disabilities.

**Graduation Requirements**

In general, undergraduate students may graduate after completing at least 120 credit hours and by maintaining a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Other requirements include completion of the last 30 hours at UMKC (commonly referred to as "residency requirement"), completion of the HEighten exit exam, and for students entering after July 2019, completion of the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Examination.
Departments and Schools may have additional or more stringent requirements, including a capstone or internship. Students should meet with their advisor(s) throughout their academic career to ensure they are on track to graduate.

If you fail to take the required exams before the end of the semester in which you plan to graduate, you will need to reapply for graduation for a future term.

Transcripts and diplomas may not be released if there are holds on a student's account.

**Language Resource Center**
The Language Resource Center (LRC) is available for students to use to study and is the location to complete the web-based and interactive audio-visual requirements for their foreign language courses. The LRC also offers tutoring services for students enrolled in French, German, and Spanish classes at UMKC.

Find out more about the Language Resource Center.

**Peer Academic Leadership (PAL)**
The PAL Program connects incoming students with a dedicated Peer Academic Leader (PAL) as they begin their studies at UMKC. We strive to empower each Scholar towards personal, academic and financial prosperity via connecting Scholars to resources and aiding them in identifying partners in their educational journey.

Find out more about PAL.

**Study Abroad**
UMKC's Study Abroad and Global Engagement (SAGE) Office serves as a resource for students who are interested in adding international experiences to their education. SAGE helps to connect students, faculty and staff to organizations and resources that enhance international education through study abroad and prestigious fellowships.

Find out more about International Academic Programs.
Supplemental Instruction

Supplemental Instruction (SI) was developed by UMKC's Academic Support and Mentoring and has been implemented in colleges and universities around the world. SI is a peer-assisted study model that improves student learning in courses that are historically difficult—in fact, students who regularly attend SI sessions earn a half- to a full-letter grade higher than students who do not regularly attend the sessions.

Find out more about Supplemental Instruction.

Tutoring Services

UMKC Tutoring is dedicated to guiding each student through difficult material from understanding big concepts to developing learning strategies and tools so that the student is able to retain information and solve problems on their own.

UMKC Tutoring is staffed by trained, part-time student tutors who offer free assistance to all UMKC students. Students may work individually or in small groups with tutors. Students are also able to borrow resources from UMKC Tutoring such as whiteboards, scrap paper, and index cards. Students can also request to check-out laptops, scientific calculators, or molecular molecule kits to use in the tutoring space.

Find out more about Tutoring Services.

Undergraduate Research

Developing and conducting a research project in partnership with a faculty mentor is a highlight of an undergraduate education, not to mention a high-impact experience that puts you in charge of your learning. UMKC's SEARCH (Students Engaged in Artistic and Academic Research) helps connect students who are interested in research with a faculty mentor to help develop and complete a substantive research project.

Find out how to participate in SEARCH.

University Libraries

University Libraries provide students, faculty, and staff academic resources and services, which are available at the Miller Nichols Library, Music/Media Library, LaBudde Special Collections, Marr Sound Archives, Health Sciences Library, Dental Library, and the Leon E. Bloch Law Library. Text a librarian your questions or stop by to utilize the lounges and study spaces.

Find out more about University Libraries.
**Writing Studio**

The Writing Studio helps students polish their writing skills. Students are encouraged to call for an appointment at any stage during the writing process for one-on-one assistance. The Writing Studio also produces writing resource guides as handouts to assist writers at all stages and levels.

Find out more about the Writing Studio.
Student Services Offices in the Academic Units

College of Arts and Sciences

Office of Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs
Scofield Hall, Room 302
711 E. 51st Street
(816) 235-2534
http://cas.umkc.edu/

The associate dean coordinates programs and support to meet curricular and co-curricular needs of undergraduate students.

Staff in the Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Office (9 Scofield Hall) provide academic advising to prospective and current students and referrals to faculty advisors, evaluate transfer work and transcripts, monitor degree progress, process petitions and special requests, conduct graduation degree audits, assist with freshman and transfer orientations, serve as liaisons to other UMKC and community college advising offices and represent the College of Arts and Sciences at other special programs and recruiting events.

Through the dean’s office, coordination and support are also provided for numerous areas related to academic programs, including:

- Curriculum and program development.
- Academic dishonesty and student conduct.
- Academic standards, grading and appeals.
- Articulation efforts.
- Assessment measures.
- Catalog production.
- Commencement exercises.
- Scholarships.
- First Year Experience program.
- Enrollment management.
- Student recruitment.
- High School College Partnerships.
- Marketing, Communications and web site.
- Online education.
- Student success and retention.

In these efforts, the associate dean and staff work with the College of Arts and Sciences faculty and staff, and also coordinate with other University of Missouri academic programs, community
colleges, and other UMKC student Services offices, including the Office of Admissions, Registration and Records, Financial Aid and Scholarships, Academic Support and Mentoring, Student Involvement, etc.

**Conservatory**

Advising and Admissions Offices  
Grant Hall, Room 138  
5228 Charlotte Street  
(816) 235-2900  
conservatory@umkc.edu  
http://conservatory.umkc.edu/

The Conservatory’s Advising and Admissions offices provide registration assistance, as well as advising, admissions and scholarship information to all prospective, admitted and currently enrolled graduate and undergraduate students. Advising staff assist undergraduate and graduate students with curricular and co-curricular concerns and act as liaisons with other University offices. Information needed to complete the admission, audition, or enrollment processes can be obtained in this office.

**Henry W. Bloch School of Management**

Office of Student Services  
Bloch School, Room 115  
5110 Cherry Street  
(816) 235-2215  
bloch@umkc.edu  
http://www.bloch.umkc.edu/

Staff in the Bloch School Student Services office provide academic support to meet the needs of undergraduate and graduate students. Assistance is provided to prospective, admitted and currently enrolled students in the bachelor’s of business administration, bachelor’s of science in accounting, master’s of public administration, and master’s of science in accounting.

Staff provide academic advising and referral to University resources and support services, determine admissibility to various degree programs and assess preparedness for academic work in the Bloch School.

Other services include scholarship administration, graduation degree checks and notification of insufficient academic progress. Student Services staff work with faculty and other staff to coordinate academic policies and procedures, class schedules, room assignments and enrollment information.
School of Biological and Chemical Sciences

Undergraduate Programs Office
School of Biological Sciences, Suite 262B
5007 Rockhill Road
(816) 235-2580
sbs-undergrad@umkc.edu
http://sbs.umkc.edu/

Executive Assistant: Lauren Petrillo

Advisors in the office provide pre-admissions information, registration advising, information about research opportunities, honors programs, career choices and pursuit of advanced degrees, as well as processing degree checks, add-drops and other procedural matters.

The School of Biological Sciences provides academic advising for all undergraduate students each semester prior to registration. Information and appointments may be obtained by calling (816) 235-2580.

Graduate students in the school receive advising and administrative support from the School of Biological Sciences Graduate Programs Office. Students may obtain information from that office by calling (816) 235-2243.

School of Computing and Engineering

DST Student Services Center
336 Flarsheim Hall
5110 Rockhill Road
(816) 235-2399
sce@umkc.edu
http://sce.umkc.edu/

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs: Marjory Eisenman

The DST Student Services Center in the School of Computing and Engineering provides a valuable resource for both prospective and current SCE students. Information about admission, academic advising, tutoring, career services, scholarships, and student organizations and teams can be obtained by contacting our office. All SCE students are required to be advised each semester.
School of Dentistry

Office of Student Programs
Dental School, Room 420
650 E. 25th Street
(816) 235-2080
dentistry@umkc.edu
http://dentistry.umkc.edu/

Assistant Dean for Student Programs: Richard Bigham

The Office of Student Programs (OSP) at the School of Dentistry functions within three primary areas of focus and responsibility: admissions/recruitment, student records and student support services.

Representative services/activities provided by the OSP include identification and counseling of potential applicants, processing applications to the school, registration and maintenance of student records, initial assistance in financial aid and counseling and housing.

The majority of students’ needs and services are provided directly by the office. For others, office personnel furnish initial assistance, with subsequent referral to other student affairs offices (e.g., UMKC’s Counseling and Testing Center, Career Services, Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, etc.), as necessary. In this regard, the OSP serves as a liaison with these University departments.

The OSP also is responsible for a health careers pipeline programs. Through the several components of these programs, minority and educationally disadvantaged students interested in dentistry are identified, and their opportunity for enrollment and retention in dental school to the point of graduation is enhanced.
School of Education

Office of Student Services
Education Building, Room 129
615 E. 52nd Street
(816) 235-2234
education@umkc.edu
http://education.umkc.edu/

The School of Education Student Services office mission is to facilitate student success by providing quality services and support in the spirit of building a community of learners. The office is a referral and resource for all students in the School of Education. Primary responsibilities are to provide quality advising for undergraduates and to coordinate the processing of certification. The staff also assists with recruitment events, contact with prospective students, freshmen and transfer orientation, admissions to teacher education, School of Education scholarship materials, commencement and other student-centered activities.

School of Graduate Studies

Office of Student Affairs
Administrative Center, Room 300F
5115 Oak Street
(816) 235-1301
umkcsgs@umkc.edu
http://sgs.umkc.edu/

Program Manager: Nancy Hoover
Student Support Specialist Senior: Michelle Heiman

The School of Graduate Studies is the academic home for students enrolled in the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program, monitoring student progress and providing a variety of support services for the students enrolled in the program. The School coordinates training for international Graduate Teaching Assistants, and administers a number of annual fellowships and award competitions at the graduate level. The School of Graduate Studies also works with departments in the Division of Student Affairs to provide programs of special interest to graduate students. Staff members advise students seeking information about graduate study and direct prospective students to the appropriate academic unit’s principal graduate adviser. For Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program information and the international GTA certification, contact Michelle Heiman. For other Graduate Studies inquiries, including thesis and dissertation formatting, contact Nancy Hoover.
School of Law

Office of Student Services
School of Law, Room 1-200
500 E. 52nd Street
(816) 235-1644
http://www.umkc.edu/law

The School of Law is committed to its students’ success. This begins with the School’s Admissions Office. Along with the Faculty Admissions committee, it endeavors to recruit and admit students who are likely to succeed, are a good “fit” for UMKC and who add to the diversity of the School. Our Registrar is the primary contact for current students, providing assistance with student records, course selection, registration, grades and other matters related to the academic process. She also serves as the students’ first contact with the Bar regarding student practice rules and admission to the Bar. The Associate Dean for Students oversees the Registrar and interacts with students regarding academic requirements, application of academic rules and policies, the course schedule and part time and full time status. Every student has a faculty advisor who assists with career development and course planning, and the Associate Dean reviews each student’s proposed schedule to insure fairness in the course selection process and each student’s progress toward the degree.

The School’s Director of Student Services works closely with students on matters relating to non-academic counseling, assistance with problems that arise during the year, exam rescheduling, disability accommodation (as liaison to the campus office), and general non-academic support. The Director also works with the School’s many student groups and coordinates programs regarding bar admissions, character and fitness screening and the bar exam. Academic support needs of students are addressed by the Director of the Academic Strategies Program, a member of the faculty who oversees the program and provides individual assistance to students in developing effective law school study skills. The School’s Laptop Clinic is available to students to assist with their computing needs.

The Professional and Career Development Center, staffed by a Director, a Coordinator and an Administrator, assists students in planning their careers and executing their job searches for part-time, summer and permanent employment. The Office presents numerous programs that introduce students to the many areas of practice and non-practice use of the J.D. degree. It runs the on-campus interviewing program and maintains lists of job openings. The Center also coordinates the School’s Pro Bono/Public Service Honors Program and its Solo and Small Firm Incubator.

School of Law students also interface with Campus offices in many areas, including Financial Aid, Cashier, Counseling and Testing, Disabled Student Services, and Registrar.
School of Medicine

Office of Student Affairs
School of Medicine, Room M4-205
2411 Holmes Street
(816) 235-1900
medicine@umkc.edu
http://med.umkc.edu/

The School of Medicine’s Office of Student Affairs coordinates a variety of support services that are available to all medical students and are in line with the competencies expected of a UMKC School of Medicine graduate. These services include but are not limited to academic and career counseling, financial planning, personal support, enrichment activities, student events and student organizations and activities. The School of Medicine has at least 25 student organizations and a number of traditions and activities.

Academic Advising
The School of Medicine has a number of personal and academic support systems in place to assist students at all levels of the program.

• **BA/MD and MD**
  Education team coordinators with offices on the Volker campus help first- and second-year students in curriculum planning and guide them to appropriate resources to support their success. Students work in groups of 10-13 students under the guidance of a physician-scholar (or docent) who instructs the students in medical coursework during the first two years and who also serves as a role model and personal counselor. Additionally 10-12 Year 2 students are selected as peer mentors to the Year 1 class. These students are selected because of their past academic performance and their success in integrating themselves into life at UMKC and the School of Medicine.

  Additional education team coordinators work with year 3 through 6 students on the School of Medicine campus. During this time, students work in groups of 12-14 students on a team assigned to a docent who teaches and counsels throughout these years of the curriculum. Teams are assigned an education team coordinator to advise about course selection and personal concerns in consultation with the docent. In their third and fourth years, students are partnered with older students who serve as senior partners. Additional campus resources are available to students in the areas of counseling and support including the UMKC Counseling and Testing Center. Staff regularly meet with students individually, in class meetings and in multiple orientation settings to discuss relevant and timely policies, processes and resources.
• **Graduate**
  Professional and faculty advisors assist students in course selection and enrollment in the graduate programs. In addition, an education team coordinator is available to assist students in connecting with appropriate resources that support their success.

**Career Advising**
The School of Medicine’s career advising staff provide medicine-specific guidance to students by meeting with students individually as they develop Curricula Vitae and Personal Statements; advise on career choice, residency selection, and interviewing process; and maintaining a database of physician specialists in the Kansas City area and elsewhere who are willing to mentor students in their specialty exploration and choice. They provide presentations on how to assess compatibility and ‘fit’ with different career paths; explore specialty options and make an informed choice; construct curricula vitae and personal statements; research residency programs and prepare to be a competitive applicants; as well as interview skillfully and follow up properly.

**Academic Support Services**
The School of Medicine provides academic support to all its students. The curriculum provides challenging coursework, and students should explore all opportunities for alternative study methods. Students have the responsibility to become life-long learners and to meet their own and the school’s learning goals. The following services are offered:

• **Financial Support**
The School of Medicine has a full-time Counselor of Student Finances to assist students and parents in understanding the financing of medical school. This individual provides ongoing financial literacy programming to the student body and can assist students one-on-one with the budget planning process. In addition, the Counselor works closely with the UMKC Financial Aid and Scholarships Office to supplement students’ understanding of loan options and repayment.

• **Wellness Program**
The School of Medicine has a full-time Wellness Program Coordinator who coaches students and serves as a point of referral. The Coordinator offers a variety of workshops throughout the year in addition to events sponsored by the student-run Wellness Council.
School of Nursing and Health Studies

Office of Student Services
Health Sciences Building
Hospital Hill Campus
2464 Charlotte Street
(816) 235-1700
nurses@umkc.edu
http://nursing.umkc.edu/

Associate Dean for Students: Sally Ellis Fletcher

The Office of Student Services at the School of Nursing provides numerous services to meet the needs of current students and individuals desiring admission to the School of Nursing. This office coordinates all activities related to admission, advisement, enrollment, registration, graduation, and other student support services. The office assists students seeking financial aid and scholarship monies.

The Office of Student Services maintains student records for graduates and current students and provides assistance to nursing student organizations. In addition, Student Services personnel provide information to prospective students and the community at large regarding UMKC and the School of Nursing.

School of Pharmacy

Office of Student Affairs
Health Sciences Building
Hospital Hill Campus
2464 Charlotte Street
(816) 235-1613
pharmacy@umkc.edu
http://pharmacy.umkc.edu/

Associate Dean of Student Affairs: Patricia Marken
Director of Student Affairs: Shelly Janasz

The Student Affairs Office at the School of Pharmacy provides those essential services that develop, maintain and support currently enrolled undergraduate and professional students, as well as pre-pharmacy and early assurance students desiring admission to the UMKC School of Pharmacy. The School of Pharmacy offers the Doctor of Pharmacy degree and participates with
the School of Graduate Studies offering of the interdisciplinary Ph.D. emphasis areas in pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacology and toxicology.

Student support services include, but are not limited to, academic advising, instructions and aid throughout the admission process, short-term counseling referral, assistance in identifying scholarships, financial aid, and part-time employment, finding tutorial assistance, records retention, registration and progression, assistance to student organizations with professional projects, certification of graduation completion and enrollment verifications. The Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs works closely with the director of alumni affairs within the School in developing programs that link current students and alumni. Staff and administrators in the office also serve on a number of School and University committees and task forces, and are responsible for drafting reports to pharmacy agencies such as the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. In addition, Office staff participate in recruiting events and functions held regionally and state wide, provide summer outreach programs for underrepresented students and host campus visits throughout the year. Staff in the Pharmacy Office of Students Affairs act as advisors for the UMKC Pre-Pharmacy Society and individual Pharm.D. Class Offices.

The Student Affairs office at the School of Pharmacy coordinates activities with other departments in the Division of Student Affairs to provide programs of special interest to pharmacy students. The office also works as a liaison to other academic units and student affairs’ departments on campus, as well as state licensing boards. It assists the School of Pharmacy faculty in administering curricular functions, class scheduling, admissions and retention policies and faculty advising.

Several events and programming activities are facilitated through the office throughout the year including: pharmacy summer camps, early assurance workshops, the admissions interview process, doctor of pharmacy orientation, professional dedication ceremony, pharmacy career day, graduation awards celebrations and commencement.
Health and Safety
UMKC supports the well-being of our campus community by providing resources to help students maximize and maintain their personal health and safety. Below are descriptions of these resources and links to more information.

*NEW* Keep up-to-date with all COVID-19 related campus updates here: https://www.umkc.edu/coronavirus/

Campus Recreation and Swinney Center
Regular exercise helps keep your mind and body alert, active, and healthy. Staying fit is an important way to support your academic success, and Swinney Recreation Center can help! Home of Campus Recreation, the Swinney Center features indoor and outdoor tracks, outdoor recreational field and soccer stadium, five basketball courts, squash and racquetball courts, fitness center, aerobics, fitness classes, 6-lane indoor pool, intramural sports, massage therapy, and an annex at Hospital Hill, Swinney has all you need to stay on a fun and beneficial exercise routine.

Visit Swinney Recreation Center.

Campus Safety
The University of Missouri--Kansas City reports very low crime statistics, with most crimes reported being larcenies. UMKC has a professional police force that is fully accredited and provides campus security, crime prevention outreach information, and personal escort services.

UMKC complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, a federal law that requires colleges and universities to publish an annual report every year by October 1 that includes statistics from the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings owned or controlled by the university, and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, fire safety, and other matters.

Read more about campus safety.
Read the annual Campus Crime and Fire Report (Clery Report).
**Counseling Services**

Feeling puzzled? The mission of UMKC Counseling Services is to foster the psychological well-being, personal development, and educational potential of our diverse campus community. In addition to individual counseling, staff also provide outreach, group therapy, crisis intervention, and learning assessments.

Find out more about UMKC Counseling Services.

**Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program**

Pursuant to the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, the University of Missouri is required to establish a drug-and-alcohol-prevention program for its students and employees. The University of Missouri program includes education and information about the dangers of drugs and alcohol abuse in the workplace and within the campus community; programs that address unlawful controlled substance and alcohol use and high-risk use, including personnel actions that may result from such violations; self-referrals, as well as supervisory referrals, to drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation programs available through the Employee Assistance Program, the UMKC Counseling Center, and/or community agencies.

Read more about the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program.

**Hazing**

Hazing is strictly prohibited in the State of Missouri and by the University. Hazing is defined as any willful act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, directed against a student or a prospective member of an organization operating under the sanction of an educational institution, that recklessly endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or prospective member for the purpose of initiation or admission into or continued membership in any such organization. Acts of hazing include, but are not limited to:

- Any activity that recklessly endangers the physical health or safety of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to physical brutality, whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance.
• Any activity that endangers the mental health of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to sleep deprivation, physical confinement, or other extreme stress inducing activity.

• Any activity that requires the student or prospective member to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the criminal laws of this state or any political subdivision in this state.

Hazing is a class C Felony.

**Immunizations**

In order to adequately protect students at risk for communicable disease, UMKC requires a variety of immunizations for students identified as high-risk (i.e., residence hall students, international students, and those enrolled in the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Nursing).

Students living on campus must submit record of meningitis and MMR vaccinations. Exemptions are permitted for health and religious reasons. Students who exempt themselves from immunization for either reason must sign a University of Missouri waiver form (parents must sign for students under 18). For medical exemptions, the form must be completed by a physician. For their own protection, students who have not received the meningitis or MMR vaccinations may be required to leave campus in the event of an outbreak. Please note that students who do not have the required immunizations may not be placed in a clinical setting.

Immunizations, antibody titers, and TB testing are available at UMKC Student Health and Wellness.

**Kangaroo Pantry**

Anyone in our campus community who is experiencing food insecurities is welcome to utilize the Kangaroo Pantry. No Roo goes without!

Visit the Kangaroo Pantry.

**Medical Marijuana**

Amendment 2 to the Missouri Constitution allows Missouri licensed physicians to certify that patients residing in Missouri have a qualifying medical condition that allows the patients to apply for medical marijuana identification cards that may be used to purchase and possess marijuana.
The Amendment also allows certain licensed companies in the state to cultivate, manufacture, test and dispense marijuana products.

However, it remains a violation of federal laws to use, possess, cultivate, or sell marijuana.

The University of Missouri System receives federal funding for financial aid, grants and contracts for research and is subject to compliance with the Drug Free Communities and Schools Act and the Drug Free Workplace Act. These federal laws prohibit universities receiving federal funding from allowing any form of marijuana use or possession on their premises. Therefore, the University will continue to enforce its policies which prohibit students, employees and members of the general public from possessing, using or distributing marijuana in any form on all University owned or controlled property and at University sponsored or supervised activities.

**MindBody Connection**

UMKC students report that stress is the number one barrier to their academic success. The MindBody Connection is a unique space where students can learn to identify strengths and stressors and to learn how to best manage stress.

[Visit the MindBody Connection](#)

**RISE: Resources, Intervention, Support, and Education**

The mission of RISE: Resources, Intervention, Support, and Education at UMKC is to strengthen the University and community response to gender-based and sexual violence through victim support services, advocacy, training, education, and outreach to the campus and community.

RISE provides support, advocacy, awareness education, and prevention training to help end sexual violence, stalking, and domestic/dating violence.

It is the policy of the University of Missouri, in accord with providing a positive discrimination-free environment, that sexual harassment in the workplace or the educational environment is unacceptable conduct. Sexual harassment is subject to discipline, up to and including separation from the institution.

[Learn more about UMKC RISE](#)
[Read the University of Missouri's policy on Equal Employment/Education Opportunity](#)
[More information about Title IX Compliance at UMKC](#)
Service Animals and Pets

Pet Animal Policy
For reasons of safety, health and sanitation, no dogs or any other pet animals are permitted in University buildings. This policy does not prohibit the presence of:

- Service Animals as permitted in the Service Animal Policy that follows.
- Animals used in instructional, research or clinical activities.
- Animals controlled by fire or law enforcement officers in the course of their duties.
- Animals essential to a specific University program or activity, e.g., performing animals employed in an entertainment production.

University properties rented or maintained as places of abode are subject to this policy unless the manager of those properties has provided and approved contractual agreement affirming otherwise.

The animal must be under the control of the person with direct responsibility for the animal’s activities, it must be housebroken and must not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others. The animal must meet all state and local, health, vaccination and licensing requirements. At a minimum, animals must be immunized against diseases common to that type of animal. All vaccinations must be current. Dogs must wear a rabies vaccination tag. The person with direct responsibility is responsible for any damage the service animal causes and is responsible for cleaning up all animal waste.

Service Animal Policy
It is the policy of the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) that service animals assisting individuals with disabilities are permitted in all UMKC facilities and programs that the individual with a disability is entitled to access with some exceptions. It is recommended that students have their service animal registered with the UMKC Office of Services for Students with Disabilities. Faculty and staff members who require the use of a service animal as a reasonable accommodation must contact the ADA Coordinator in the Office of Affirmative Action to make an individualized request for an accommodation. The ADA Coordinator will determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether to approve the faculty or staff member’s request.

Determination:
The determination of whether or not an animal is a service animal is made by asking only the following two questions when the answers are not readily apparent:
1) Is this service animal required because of a disability?
2) What work or tasks has this animal been trained to perform?

Definitions:
Service animal: A service animal is an animal as designated by federal or state law, which is specifically trained to perform a service to a person with a disability.

Exceptions:
Individuals with a service animal are welcome to bring the animal anywhere on campus they are entitled to access except: 1) where the service animal would pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others that cannot be eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level by a reasonable accommodation, or, 2) where a service animal in question would cause substantial physical damage to the property of others that cannot be reduced or eliminated by another reasonable accommodation.

Responsibility:
The animal must be under the control of the person with a disability, it must be housebroken and must not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others. The animal must meet all state and local, health, vaccination and licensing requirements. At a minimum, animals must be immunized against diseases common to that type of animal. All vaccinations must be current. Dogs must wear a rabies vaccination tag. The person with the disability is responsible for any damage the service animal causes and is responsible for cleaning up all animal waste.

Questions related to the use of service animals on the campus should be directed to Scott Laurent, Office of Services for Students with Disabilities at (816) 235-5696

This policy supersedes all previous service animal policies.

Smoke-Free Campus
Tobacco use and smoking are prohibited throughout UMKC properties.

“Smoking,” as defined herein, means the act of drawing smoke or a vaporized substance into one’s mouth that has been ignited, combusted, or vaporized. “Smoking Products” include, but are not limited to, tobacco, cloves, all cigarette products (cigarettes, bidis, kreteks, e-cigarettes, etc.) and all smoke-producing devices (cigars, pipes, hookahs, etc.).

“University of Missouri-Kansas City properties” include, but are not limited to:
• All outdoor common and educational areas
• Inside all university owned or leased buildings
• Campus sidewalks
• Campus parking lots
• Recreational areas
• Outdoor stadiums
• University-owned and leased vehicles (regardless of location)

This smoking ban does not apply to public rights-of-way (sidewalks/streets) within the campus boundaries, as these are governed by City of Kansas City ordinance.

Smoke-Free Campus information.

**Student Health and Wellness**

UMKC's Student Health and Wellness offers primary care services and wellness outreach. There is no charge for an office visit, but there may be a charge for some services and laboratory tests.

Learn more about UMKC's Student Health and Wellness.

**Student Health Insurance**

UMKC encourages all students to maintain adequate health insurance coverage (international students are required to purchase UM student health insurance). The University of Missouri has partnered with Aetna Student Health to offer its students health insurance coverage. No matter what insurance provider you utilize, it is very important to have adequate coverage. Be sure to review and compare plans to help you make the best decision on what kind of coverage you need and which insurance provider offers you the best plan for your needs.

Find out more about Anthem Student Advantage Health Insurance for UMKC students.

**Suicide Prevention Program Policy**

Pursuant to Missouri Senate Bill 52 (2017) amending Chapter 173 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, the University of Missouri is required to develop and implement a policy to advise students and employees on suicide prevention programs available on- and off-campus. The policy shall also advise students and employees of the proper procedures for identifying and addressing the needs of students exhibiting suicidal tendencies or behavior, and shall provide for
training, where appropriate. This information, as well as mental health and support services, shall be provided to all incoming students and posted on the Institution’s website.

Read about UMKC’s Suicide Prevention Program
Take the Ask, Listen, Refer Suicide Prevention Training.

UMKC Alert!
UMKC Alert! provides the campus community with timely notification of campus-wide emergencies or closures due to inclement weather. Students can sign up for UMKC Alert! via Pathway.

Read more about UMKC Alert!
UMKC’s Business Interruption Policy.
**Diversity Awareness**
UMKC values diversity, inclusiveness, and respect. The following resources can help you explore the many different cultures, perspectives, and backgrounds represented within our campus community. Taking the time to learn about and appreciate different perspectives and cultures makes our community a better, more inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

**African American History and Culture House**
The African American History and Culture House serves as a resource and provides space for activities that enhance and enrich understanding and participation in African American intellectual culture. In addition, the House provides a supportive environment for educational and social growth for UMKC's African American students, faculty, and staff.

Visit the African American History and Culture House.

**Division of Diversity and Inclusion**
The Division of Diversity and Inclusion serves the UMKC community by providing the resources to ensure the University as whole reflects the community we serve. The Division sponsors a Diversity Speaker Series and other events throughout the academic year to promote diversity and social justice. In addition, the Division provides an avenue to investigate allegations of discrimination.

Find out more about the Division of Diversity and Inclusion.

**Study Abroad and Global Engagement**
Gain cultural awareness by studying abroad or enhance your academic profile by applying for a nationally competitive fellowship! UMKC's Study Abroad and Global Engagement (SAGE) Office helps connect students to overseas opportunities, aids faculty in developing and leading programs abroad, and guides applicants through the fellowship process.

Find out more about Global Engagement.
**International Student Affairs**

The International Student Affairs Office (ISAO) increases the global diversity at UMKC. International Student Ambassadors help plan several annual events for the campus community to explore and learn about the more than 80 countries represented by our international students and scholars. Programming supported by ISAO includes: New Student Orientation, International Education Day, Culture Night, Kansas City's Ethnic Enrichment Festival, and other campus and community cultural events.

ISAO supports student success by providing pre-departure and post-arrival orientation, new arrival housing services, monthly newsletters, optional and curricular practical training assistance, F & J visa advising, referrals to campus services, partnerships with academic advisors, and support for campus nationality groups, International Student Council, and the International Student Ambassador Program.

Find out more about International Student Affairs.

**LGBTQIA Programs and Services**

LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Ally) Programs and Services provides a safe place for students to just be themselves. Services include a lounge, resource library, educational and social events, and Safe Space training programs for the campus community.

Find out more about LGBTQIA Programs and Services.

**Multicultural Student Affairs**

The mission of Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA) is to enhance and improve the quality of the college experience for students of color. Furthermore, MSA seeks to collaboratively educate, empower and engage the campus community on the multicultural experience. We achieve this through providing leadership to multicultural student organizations to ensure relevant cultural programming is present campus wide, partnering with various campus constituents to weave the experiences of multicultural students into the fabric of the institution and serve as an additional support system to the overall growth, development and success of our students.

Visit Multicultural Student Affairs.
**Residential Life**

The Residential Life Office provides programming and support to students living in university housing facilities. Living on-campus provides unique opportunities to interact with students from across the United States and around the world. Resident Assistants provide multicultural and social justice events to help students learn about each other and their views.

Learn more about Residential Life.

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**Office of Student Involvement**

There are nearly 300 active student organizations, many of which help students explore different cultures and ideas. Attending events hosted by a student organization is a great way to learn about a different country or perspective--or join a group to help share your traditions and culture with the rest of campus! Whatever your interest or curiosity, the Office of Student Involvement (OSI) can help!

Learn more about the Office of Student Involvement.

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**Women's Center**

The mission of the Women's Center is to advocate, educate, and provide support services for the achievement of women's equity on campus and within the community at large. Come relax or study in the Women's Center lounge or learn how to get involved in raising awareness about women's and gender issues on campus and in the community.

Visit the Women's Center.
**Getting Involved**
College is more than just classrooms! In fact, co-curricular activities help you be more personally engaged in your education, which will help you achieve your academic and professional goals.

**Campus Recreation**
Swinney Center is home to Campus Recreation and features indoor and outdoor tracks, outdoor recreational field and soccer stadium, five basketball courts, squash and racquetball courts, fitness center, aerobics, fitness classes, 6-lane indoor pool, intramural sports, and an annex at Hospital Hill. Campus Recreation has all you need to stay on a fun and beneficial exercise routine--individually or as a team. Check out the intramural sports activities and join a tournament with other students interested in friendly competition!

Check out Campus Recreation.

**Office of Student Involvement**
The mission of the Office of Student Involvement (OSI) is to actively encourage student development, foster leadership, celebrate diversity, and facilitate co-curricular and community engagement for all students. OSI is dedicated to supporting the educational mission of the University by enriching students’ college experience outside the classroom. Through a collaborative, holistic approach it is our goal to enhance the student experience and provide ways for students to engage with each other, creating a vibrant campus community.

OSI sponsors the following:

- Union Programming Board
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- LGBTQIA Programs and Services
- Student Organizations
- Kangaroo Pantry
- Parent and Family Programs

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NCAA Division I Athletics
UMKC is a member of NCAA Division I and offers the following sports teams: Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women’s Tennis, Men's and Women's Golf, Women’s Softball, and Women’s Volleyball.

Support the Roos!

Residential Life
Residential Life provides programming and support to the over 1,600 students living in university housing facilities--in fact, students who live with Residential Life on average earn a half grade higher GPA than students who don’t. Students living in our facilities are right in the heart of campus.

Learn more about Residential Life.
**Student Government Association**

As the student government of UMKC, SGA represents all students on campus and acts as the student advocate with the administration and faculty. The executive branch has four elected officers: president, executive vice president, administrative vice president and comptroller. Elections are held every April. The legislative branch, known as the student senate, comprises elected representatives from the academic units that make up UMKC. The judicial branch is vested in UMKC’s Superior Court. Each Academic Unit is governed by a school council that reports to the SGA.

Connect with the Student Government Association.

**Student Union**

Built by students, for students, the Union features 10,000 sq. ft. of space exclusively for student organizations. The Union also houses the Student Government Senate chambers, Office of Student Involvement, Multicultural Student Affairs, University Bookstore, computer lab, lounge areas, coffee-shop performance stage, retail food court, meeting spaces, roof-top terrace, 329-seat theater, and a 6,300 sq. ft. multi-purpose room. The facility is LEED Gold Certified and makes innovative use of reclaimed materials, natural lighting, and sustainability initiatives.

Visit the Student Union.

**Dean of Students Honor Recipients**

Graduating students who have excelled in both academic achievement and service to our community may be nominated as a Dean of Students Honor Recipient. This recognition honors students who maintain high scholastic performance while actively participating in University and community activities outside the classroom.
Campus Policies
Read below for information on campus-wide policies for students and student organizations.

Acceptable Use Policy and other Information Services Policies
The Acceptable Use policy applies to all users including faculty, staff, students, and guest users of University of Missouri computer networks, equipment, or connecting resources. All information technology resources are the property of the University and users must abide by certain guidelines for acceptable use of these resources.

Read the UM Acceptable Use Policy.
Read the UMKC Computer Usage Policy.
Read the UMKC Information Services policies.
Learn more about IT resources for students.

Alcohol Policy
The use or possession of any alcoholic beverage is strictly prohibited on all University property except were appropriate University approval is given, subject to legal requirements. To request permission to serve alcoholic beverages at events that support the mission of the University, Departments should inquire at the Office of the Dean of Students. Student Organizations should inquire at the Office of Student Involvement.

Read the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program.

Bulletin Board Policy
The Office of Student Involvement reviews the requests of student organizations, university departments, individuals, and outside agencies for posting materials on campus bulletin boards. Stop by the Office of Student Involvement on the third floor of the Student Union for a complete set of regulations and a listing of approved bulletin boards for posting materials on campus, or call 816-235-1407. Materials that do not have the approval stamp from OSI or posted at unapproved locations will be taken down. When designing flyers and posters, please remember that UMKC is an institution of higher education that values life-long learning, diversity, inclusiveness, and respect. All flyers must include current contact information for the organization.
Business Interruption Policy
In the event of severe weather or other events that may impact the health and safety of the campus community, university officials may open campus late, close campus early, or close campus for an entire day. Whenever possible, UMKC will stay open for business and scheduled on-campus instruction during winter weather. On those days, employees and students are expected to exercise judgment when deciding if they can travel safely to campus. Even if campus is not physically open, classes and work will continue remotely, ensuring that students can make academic progress and productivity is maintained. Information will be posted to the UMKC website, sent out via UMKC Alert! system, and sent to local media stations.

Read more about UMKC Alert!.

Campus Free Expression Act Guidelines
All members of the University of Missouri - Kansas City community, students, faculty, and staff share a mutual interest in maintaining conditions where the work of the University can go forward freely, in accordance with the highest standards of quality, institutional integrity, and freedom of expression. To that end, UMKC is committed to retaining an academic environment for free expression and debate where each member of the public has the freedom to speak, assemble peaceably, and to petition for redress of grievances.

The University has adopted guidelines to govern the time, place, and manner of demonstrations and other assemblies per the Missouri Campus Free Expression Act (MO Senate Bill 93) of 2015.

Read the Campus Free Expression Act 2015 Guidelines.

Cashiers Office Policies
The Cashiers Office is responsible for the billing, collection, and deposit of all student fees. This includes student fees, housing, bookstore, and other special charges. Please remember that by enrolling in classes you incur financial responsibility to the University. All students are responsible for charges and fees accrued on their student accounts.

Find out more about Cashiers policies and procedures.
Collected Rules and Regulations of the University of Missouri

UMKC, as part of the University of Missouri System, is governed by the UM Collected Rules and Regulations, which detail the use, activity, and governance for the university and its employees, students, facilities, and programs.

Browse the UM Collected Rules and Regulations.

Complaint Policy

The University of Missouri - Kansas City is committed to respecting all members of our university community and providing a quality educational experience for all students. The objective of the Student Complaint Policy is to ensure that the concerns and complaints of students are addressed fairly and are resolved promptly.

If a student has a significant complaint that cannot be addressed within another established university policy, students may choose to file a formal complaint with the Office of the Dean of Students. This complaint process is not an appeal to re-examine a decision made through a University policy nor does it supersede another defined university process. If the student's complaint involves discrimination or Title IX issues, the student is referred to the Office of Affirmative Action.

Students may submit a formal complaint to the Office of the Dean of Students utilizing the online complaint form. Formal complaints should include specific information about the concern, measures the student has already taken to address the concern, and any resolution sought. The Dean of Students will determine the best process to investigate and address each complaint.

To file a formal complaint with the Dean of Students, click here: https://cf3.umkc.edu/stu-aff/helpline/studentcomplaints/students/.

In addition, the University has an obligation to track and log significant student complaints as required by federal regulations and the Higher Learning Commission. The Office of the Dean of Students will log student complaints that are made utilizing the formal online complaint form. This log does not include concerns reported to other individuals, concerns reported by individuals who are not current, former, or prospective students, and concerns for which other processes exist. UMKC does not tolerate retaliation against individuals who file a complaint or who cooperate in the investigation of such complaints.

Read more about the Student Complaint Policy.
Distribution of Literature on Campus

Recognized student organizations may distribute literature on campus with prior authorization from the Office of Student Involvement. When designing flyers and posters, please remember that UMKC is an institution of higher education that values life-long learning, diversity, inclusiveness, and respect. All flyers must include current contact information for the student organization. It is against this policy to place literature on automobile windows parked in designated University parking areas. See also the section below for Student Organization Policies.

Email Policy

The University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) provides an email service through Microsoft Office 365 (O365) to students. UMKC encourages the appropriate use of email by students to further their educational goals. As a condition of access, all use of UMKC resources must be in accord with all laws, University policy, University contracts, and any policies specific to a resource utilized.

The UMKC O365 email account has an address ending in @mail.umkc.edu. This is the account used for University business and official University communications to students via email. Students are expected to regularly check their UMKC account for University communications and are responsible for communications sent to and from this account. Students may use their Outlook Live account at their discretion for personal use as long as the usage is in compliance with the University’s Acceptable Use Policy (CRR 110.005). Forwarding email to a personal account is at the student’s discretion.

Access your student email account.
Find out more about Computer Resources for students.
Read the UMKC Information Services policies.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

UMKC conforms to federal regulations known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, or FERPA. The purpose of FERPA is to provide rights to students and their families with regard to access and privacy of academic records. FERPA guarantees students at the postsecondary level the right to inspect and view their academic records. It also prohibits UMKC from releasing information from a student's record to any third party unless the student authorizes the release.

Learn more about FERPA.
Read the UM Policy on Student Records.
Federal Disclosure Requirements and other Consumer Information

Various state and federal laws, specifically the Higher Education Opportunity Act require Colleges and Universities to provide information and notice to students on a variety of topics.

Read UMKC's Consumer Information.

Financial Aid Policies

The Financial Aid and Scholarships Office (FASO) is responsible for maintaining the eligibility of the University and its students to receive federal and state financial aid. This responsibility dictates strict adherence to federal and state regulations.

Please be aware that financial aid awards are based on a student's enrollment, and changes in a student's credit hours may affect that student's eligibility for aid. If you withdraw from classes, you could owe back a portion or all of the financial aid that you may have received at the beginning of the semester. In addition, to maintain eligibility for aid, students must demonstrate Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Students who are out of status may not be eligible to receive additional financial aid until they have regained their SAP status.

Learn more about policies for Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Guide to Group Living

The Residential Life Guide to Group Living is a reference for our students and staff to the policies, resources, and general information about living in Residential Life. Although our policies are listed in the terms of agreement on the contract, these policies are also on-line for your convenience. If you have questions about the Guide, please talk with your RA/ALA or Residential Life Coordinator.

Read the Guide to Group Living.

Hoverboard Policy

Beginning January 14, 2016, ALL self-balancing scooters, also referred to as battery-operated scooters or hands-free Segway-like scooters and more popularly known as hoverboards, are prohibited from use or storage on UMKC campus property and UMKC-owned or -operated facilities.
Rationale: Recent information and concerns raised by the Consumer Product Safety Commission show that the batteries in hands-free personal transportation devices can be dangerous and prone to creating a safety and fire risk. Until a time that the safety standards of these devices are improved and this ban lifted, they are prohibited from being used or stored in any UMKC-owned or -operated facilities or campus property.

Room and Facility Reservations
All classes, meetings or assembly of any sort held in University buildings or on University grounds are subject to all United States and Missouri laws and University ordinances, rules and regulations. In addition, it is expected that proper care will be taken of the facility and that the simple rules of courtesy, decency and good manners will be observed at all times. Any failure to abide by these requirements may cause the permission for the use of the facility to be withdrawn at any time, or for the future permission for the use of any University facilities to be denied. Student organizations may make room and facility reservations for their sponsored events. Information about this process and the required forms can be found by visiting the Office of Student Involvement. See also the section below for Student Organization Policies.

Sale Policy
The sale of anything, the soliciting of subscriptions, or the collection of dues is prohibited in University buildings and on University grounds without prior authorization. Permission to sell item(s) on University property is given only to UMKC faculty, professional staff, and recognized student organizations. The sales table/booth must be staffed at all times by a member of the sponsoring organization who is a currently enrolled student at UMKC. The University shall not be used for commercial or promotional advertising purposes, nor will the name of the University be identified in any way with the aims, policies, programs, products, or opinions of any organizations or its members; an exception may be made by the Board of Curators upon recommendation of the President of the University. When an exception is made, the conditions for using the name will be prescribed. See also the section below for Student Organization Policies.
Scooter Policy
UMKC prioritizes the safety of the campus community and the wise use of its resources. The increased availability of motorized scooters on or near campus prompts us to issue some important guidelines and reminders regarding the use of scooters in our community.

- Motorized scooters may be ridden or stored safely on city streets that connect to or run through campus but are not allowed on UMKC property. (Scooters are defined to include self-balancing scooters, battery-operated scooters, hands-free “Segway”-like scooters, hoverboards, and electronic scooters, such as “Bird” electric scooters, “Lime” electric scooters, etc.)
- UMKC cares about students and public safety and wants all riders to follow guidelines from scooter rental companies, including: Scooter drivers must wear a helmet and be at least 18 years old with a valid driver’s license. Scooters are not meant for operation on sidewalks. Scooter operators must follow all traffic rules that apply to drivers, including obeying street signs and stop signs and not operating under the influence.
- Electric scooters are not allowed in campus buildings and should be parked or set down only on city property adjacent to campus.
- Students, faculty and staff may not use UMKC electrical outlets to charge “Bird,” “Lime” or other electric scooters to receive financial incentives from the companies. For students, this policy is in accordance with UMKC Residential Life policy, which states that students may not use any residential space for personal financial gain.

In closing, UMKC urges all students, faculty and staff to be aware of their surroundings and on the lookout for motorized scooters. Their small size and quiet operation mean they are easy to miss in traffic. Scooters are convenient and easy to use, but also expose users to possible injury from other vehicles or from other accidents. Our campus community can co-exist with new scooter traffic with common-sense use of safety precautions.

Student Organization Policies
The Office of Student Involvement is responsible for assisting in the management and operation of student organizations. With nearly 300 active student organizations, there are plenty of options for students to explore or express themselves. Students, student organizations, and their advisors are responsible for following policies for forming student organizations, requirements for maintaining eligibility, and other important policies for campus events, conduct, and travel.

Explore UMKC Student Organizations.
Review the UMKC Student Organization Reference Guide.
Campus Resources
UMKC's campus has a wide variety of resources for students beyond the classroom.

Admissions
All inquiries about admission of domestic students to the University are directed to the Admissions Office; International students should contact International Student Affairs for all admissions questions. Admissions Office services include:

- Undergraduate recruitment and admissions activities
- New student orientation programs
- Determination of residency for tuition purposes
- Referrals to other academic and support services, especially for those students who have not declared a major

Find out more about UMKC Admissions.
Find out more about International Student Affairs.

Art Gallery
The UMKC Art Gallery is located in the Fine Arts Building, room 203. The Art Gallery curates several shows a year featuring student artwork and guest artists as well as guest lecturers. The Gallery actively accepts submissions and proposals for exhibitions from artists and curators.

Find out more about the UMKC Art Gallery.

Banking Services
ATMs are available at the following locations: Administrative Center 1st floor lobby (accepts Visa, MasterCard, and bank cards that belong to the Cirrus, Bank/Mate, and Plus systems); Oak Street Residence Hall Lobby (Bank of America); and the Student Union outside room 212 (U.S. Bank).

Barber Shop
Located in the Student Success Center, the barber shop is a professionally licensed and privately owned service that offers haircuts, styling, and professional products. Walk-ins welcome or call for an appointment. Cash and check only. Phone: 816-363-2242
Basic Needs Coordinator
Make an appointment with the UMKC Basic Needs Coordinator to discuss food assistance, housing resources, and financial literacy.

Visit with the Basic Needs Coordinator.

Berkley Child and Family Development Center
The Berkley Center is part of UMKC's School of Education and serves as a learning laboratory for early childhood education students. Berkley enrolls children of UMKC employees, students, and the community as space allows. The Center's philosophy is to build a relationship between family, child, and teacher.

Find out more about the Berkley Center.

Bookstores
The UMKC Bookstores are wholly owned and operated auxiliaries of the University of Missouri. We operate the UMKC Bookstores to ensure that our students and faculty receive the best possible course materials, service and support. 100% of the revenue derived from the UMKC Bookstore operations are utilized to provide educational, social and recreational opportunities for UMKC students.

Bookstores are located at the Student Union and the Hospital Hill Campus, where students can find a wide array of educational materials, including textbooks, office supplies, reference materials, and UMKC items. Other services include: textbook reservations, textbook buy-backs, graduation fairs, RooTech technology packages, and convenient payment options.

Visit the Student Union Bookstore.
Visit the Health Sciences Bookstore.

Campus Mail
UMKC's Mail Services delivers internal campus mail, courier, and US mail to all departments on campus as well as processes outgoing and bulk mail. There are mailboxes across campus for pick-up services.

Find out more about campus mail services.
**Campus Phones**

All extensions within the University begin with 816-235-xxxx. When dialing an extension from a campus phone, only the last four digits need to be entered. Every building on campus contains at least one campus phone. There are no pay phones on campus.

**Cashiers Office**

The Cashiers Office is responsible for the billing, collection, and deposit of all student fees. This includes student fees, housing, bookstore, and other special charges.

Find out more about Cashiers policies and procedures.

**Central Ticket Office**

The Central Ticket Office handles tickets for all UMKC events, including concerts, lectures, theatre programs, and sporting events. Ask about special student rates and student rush tickets.

Find out more about the Central Ticket Office.

**Computer Resources**

Information Services (IS) provides and supports extensive computer resources for students, faculty, and staff to enhance the learning environment on- and off-campus. Every student enrolled at UMKC is assigned a Single-Sign-On (SSO) username with provides access to campus computer resources, email, and Pathway. Each student also receives an @mail.umkc.edu email account—please note that official university communications will only be sent to this email account and students are responsible for checking their UMKC account for important notices and information. Student computer labs are located throughout campus. IS-managed labs are staffed by student assistants who can answer questions about e-mail and other basic computing issues. Chapter 110 of the UM Collected Rules and Regulations governs the acceptable use of technology, facilities, and equipment, including computer resources. All students, faculty, staff, and guests must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy.

For technology-related and email support questions, contact the UMKC Technology Support Center at 816-235-2000 (press option 2) or email them at techsupportcenter@umkc.edu.

Read the UMKC Information Services policies.
Find out more about Computer Resources for students.
Dining Services and Catering
UMKC Dining Services and Catering provides the campus community with 10 dining and retail venues, including: the Student Success Center Dining Hall and UMKC Café, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Jazzman's Café and Bakery, Baja Fresh Express, Chick-Fil-A Express, Robot Café, Hospital Hill Café, and Smart Market in Oak Street Residence Hall.

A wide variety of meal plans are available for residential students and for non-residential students, faculty, and staff. Catering Services are available for campus meetings and events, with special menu options for student organizations.

Find out more about Dining Services and Catering.

Financial Aid and Scholarships
The Financial Aid and Scholarships Office (FASO) have many options available to assist students, including scholarships, grants, loans, and work opportunities available to qualified students. Many programs require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It is important for students interested in financial aid apply as soon as possible: February 1 of the preceding academic year is the priority deadline. UMKC’s School Code is 002518.

FASO administers all UMKC-sponsored scholarship programs and coordinates the awarding of most academic unit scholarships. In addition, the office is responsible for monitoring financial aid regulations, including Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

Learn more about Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Financial Wellness Center
The Financial Wellness Center empowers students to take control of their personal finances and achieve their goals. Through free, one-on-one financial coaching, workshops and digital resources, we can help you navigate a wide range of financial topics, including how to pay for college, file the FAFSA, learn to budget, and manage credit and debt.

Visit the Financial Wellness Center.
Geosciences Museum
The Geosciences Museum, opened in 1973, contains about 2,400 rocks, minerals, and fossil specimens from all over the world, including many rare and unusual items. Anyone can visit for free during regular museum hours, and guided tours are available for groups.

Learn more about the Geosciences Museum.

Identification Cards
The One Card Office provides campus IDs to faculty, students, staff and special programs on campus. UMKC One Cards can be used to attend UMKC sporting events, eat at dining services locations, make purchases at the Smart Market, check out materials at the campus library, charge books to your student account from the University Bookstore, enter secure campus buildings and residence halls, and get discounts at local and national merchants. Your One Card also stores RooBucks to use at select local merchants, campus dining venues, and printing at computer labs.

Learn more about your One Card.

Kansas City Repertory Theatre
Kansas City Repertory Theatre is the professional theatre in residence at UMKC and is one of the nation’s leading resident professional theatres. The Rep was founded in 1964 and values its close partnership with the University, its theatre training programs, and its role in preparing talent for the future of American Theatre. Kansas City Rep produces up to seven main stage plays each season, employs more than 250 professional artists, technicians and administrators, and serves approximately 100,000 patrons annually. The Rep recently expanded with a second location, Copaken Stage, in downtown Kansas City.

Attend a show at the KC Rep.

Lost and Found
The point of contact for Lost and Found on campus is the Student Union Welcome Desk (816-235-5555). Items turned in are logged and placed in a secure cabinet. Additionally, individuals may contact the UMKC Police or individual offices to inquire whether their missing items have been turned in.
Parking Operations
Students, faculty, and staff must purchase permits for parking on campus; short-term parking is available at metered lots. There is no free parking on campus, day or night. Information about parking regulations, permits, meters, tickets, and traffic regulations can be found on their website.

Learn more about the UMKC Parking Operations.

Pathway
Pathway is the system of record for UMKC, providing real-time access to student records, financial aid, cashiering, and other functions. Students utilize Pathway to register for classes, view holds, accept financial aid awards, request transcripts, update contact information, and access QuickPay. In order to conduct business on-line, students must first provide e-consent, which is requested when a student first accesses Pathway.

Learn more about Pathway.

Registration and Records
The Registration and Records Office is responsible for maintaining student records, enforcing academic policies, evaluating transfer courses, scheduling classrooms, maintaining the Pathway student information system, and processing student degrees.

Visit the Registration and Records Office.
Read through the Registration Quick Guide.
Get Pathway Help.

Relay Missouri
Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may contact the University by using Relay Missouri at 800-735-2966 (TT) or 800-735-2466 (voice).

RISE: Resources, Intervention, Support, and Education
The mission of RISE: Resources, Intervention, Support, and Education at UMKC is to strengthen the University and community response to gender-based and sexual violence through victim support services, advocacy, training, education, and outreach to the campus and community.
It is the policy of the University of Missouri, in accord with providing a positive discrimination-free environment, that sexual harassment in the work place or the educational environment is unacceptable conduct. Sexual harassment is subject to discipline, up to and including separation from the institution.

Learn more about UMKC RISE
Read the University of Missouri's policy on Equal Employment/Education Opportunity.
More information about Title IX Compliance at UMKC.

**Roo Connection Blog**
Roo Connection is a blog for all students, sharing study tips, campus announcements, resources, and other information of interest to the student body. The goal is to provide information that will help students be successful at UMKC as well as give students the opportunity to share their feedback.

Visit the Roo Connection Blog.

**Student HelpLine**
The UMKC Student HelpLine is the informational resource for our campus community. Staff focus on problem-solving and assist students with understanding campus policies, procedures, and information about the University. The HelpLine can be reached at 816-235-2222 where you can speak with a representative (for computer and technology-related questions, please contact the Technology Support Center at 816-235-2000).

Connect with the UMKC Student HelpLine.

**Student Success Center**
Offices and services at the Atterbury Student Success Center include: UMKC Welcome Center, International Student Affairs, Academic Support and Mentoring, Career Services, Veteran Student Support Services, University College, Writing Studio, International Academic Programs, School of Medicine Advising for Students in Years 1 and 2, UMKC Dining Services, and the Barbershop.

Visit the Student Success Center.
**Student Union**

Built by students, for students, the Union houses the Student Government Senate chambers, student organization offices, Division of Student Affairs - Dean of Students Office, Office of Student Involvement, Multicultural Student Affairs, University Bookstore, MindBody Connection, computer lab, lounge areas, coffee shop and performance stage, retail dining services, meeting spaces, roof-top terrace, and theater. The facility is LEED Gold Certified and makes innovative use of reclaimed materials, natural lighting, and sustainability initiatives.

Visit the Student Union.

**Transportation**

Students have several options regarding transportation around campus and around the city. Options include the UMKC Campus Shuttle, free access to the entire Kansas City Metro Bus System, and the Bike Share KC program.

Find out more about Transportation options.

**UMKC Central**

UMKC Central is your one-stop location to get answers to your questions about Admissions, Cashiers and Collections, Financial Aid and Scholarships, and Registration and Records. It's everything you need, all in one place!

Contact UMKC Central.

**University News Student Newspaper**

*University News* is UMKC’s independent student newspaper reporting on campus news, events, performances, sports, and other items of interest to our community.

Read the University News.
Subscribe to weekly email.
Veterans Services and Resources

UMKC welcomes student veterans and recognizes their contributions to the campus community as students and leaders. UMKC provides a comprehensive resource center to assist veterans as well as an active Student Veterans Organization. In addition, the “At Ease Zone” is staffed by student-veterans and provides resources, referrals, and a place to connect for UMKC student veterans and military connected students.

The UMKC VA certifying official provides veterans with forms to apply for educational benefits. Forms are also available to veterans who wish to transfer benefits from one educational program or institution to another. The certifying official's primary responsibility is to certify enrollment status of veterans to the Veterans Administration. Please call 1-888-GI-BILL1 or visit www.gibill.va.gov to determine your eligibility or inquire about benefits.

Visit the Student Veterans Resource Center.

Voter Registration

All members of the UMKC community are encouraged to participate in the democratic process. Missouri residents who are US citizens and at least 18 are eligible to vote in Missouri.

Find out more about voting and voter registration.

Warkoczewski Observatory

The Warkoczewski Observatory (fondly called the “Varko”) is located on the roof of Royall Hall and is open most Friday evenings from May through October when the weather is clear.

Visit the Warkoczewski Observatory.