

## UMKC Student Handbook

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

[Read 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
- Curt Crespino, Vice Chancellor for External Relations and Constituent Engagement
- J. Camille Hall, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion
- Carol Hintz, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources
- Chris Liu, Vice Chancellor for Research
- Jennifer Lundgren, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- Brandon Martin, Athletic Director
- Sean Reeder, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration
- Michele D. Smith, Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Anne Spenner, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Marketing and Communications

[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
- Multicultural Student Affairs
- Residential Life
- Roo Wellness
  - Accessibility Services
  - Counseling Services
  - Health and Wellness
- Student Conduct and Civility
- Student HelpLine
- Student Involvement
- Student Union 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 Office of Equity & Title IX are 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 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 Director of Equity & Title IX:

**KC Atchinson, J.D.**

Director of Equity & Title IX

816-235-6705 

[atchinsonk@umkc.edu](mailto:atchinsonk@umkc.edu)

**To reach the on-call member of our team during regular business hours, call 816-235-1771.**

Learn more about:

- The [Office of Equity & Title IX](#)
- UMKC's confidential advocates in [RISE: Resources, Intervention, Support, & Education](#)
- [Support Resources at UMKC](#)
- [Education & Prevention at UMKC](#)
- [Making a Report](#)

## **Open Campus and Time, Place, and Manner Policy**

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 to the Office of Equity & Title IX. Conduct based upon race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, and protected veteran status, that adversely affects a student's education, living environment, or participation in a University activity, or creates a hostile environment preventing a student from participating in educational programs and activities should be reported.

Learn more about:

- [Free Expression at UMKC](#)
- [Making a Report](#)
- [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.

[Explore 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 and student organizations are expected to uphold as well as the rules and procedures for conduct matters. The conduct code is designed to ensure social responsibility, academic integrity, and the safety of our community.

Students and student organizations 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 the Standard of Conduct may be directed to the [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 \(ASM\)](#)**

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, First Gen Roos, 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 Policies and Catalog](#)**

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. Please contact your advisor or Department Chair with any questions.

[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.](#)

## 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 an advisor 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.

## 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.](#)

## 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 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.

[Learn more about Roo Advising.](#)

### **Roo Wellness - Accessibility Services**

Accessibility Services works with students to establish an accommodation plan that will provide the support needed to achieve their academic goals at UMKC.

[Find out more about Accessibility Services.](#)

### **Study Abroad and Global Engagement (SAGE)**

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 studying abroad.](#)

### **Supplemental Instruction (SI)**

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.

SI Leaders are students who have successfully taken the course and have been trained in cognitive learning techniques. SI sessions are not review sessions, but rather opportunities for students to assist each other in mastering cognitive learning techniques.

[Find out more about Supplemental Instruction.](#)

### **Tutoring Services**

UMKC Tutoring is dedicated to guiding each student through difficult material from understanding overarching concepts to developing learning strategies and tools so students can 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 and Creative Scholarship

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. Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship connects students with a faculty mentor to help develop and complete a substantive research project and offers grant funding opportunities.



[Get Started with Undergraduate Research.](#)

## University Libraries

University Libraries provide academic resources and services at the Miller Nichols Library (including the Music/Media Library, LaBudde Special Collections, Marr Sound Archives, and University Archives), Health Sciences 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](#)

Each Academic Unit has a student services office to assist students in their degree programs.

### [Conservatory](#)

Grant Hall, Room 138  
5228 Charlotte Street  
(816) 235-**2900**  
[conservatory@umkc.edu](mailto:conservatory@umkc.edu)  
<https://conservatory.umkc.edu/>

The Conservatory's Student Services areas include help with admissions and scholarship as well as advising. Staff assist 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](#)

418B Bloch Executive Hall  
5108 Cherry Street  
(816) 235-**2217**  
[bloch@umkc.edu](mailto:bloch@umkc.edu)  
<https://bloch.umkc.edu/>

#### **Director of Student Services: Nancy Wilkinson**

Staff assist undergraduate students with non-advising, curricular and co-curricular concerns, provide notice of academic standing, coordinate commencement and act as liaisons with other University offices.

Bloch Graduate Programs Office, located in 418 Bloch Executive Hall, helps graduate students plan their program of study, register for coursework, and stay on-track for graduation. They also serve as resources to connect students with other campus offices as needed.



## [School of Humanities and Social Sciences](#)

Office of the Dean  
Scofield Hall, Third Floor  
711 E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street  
(816) 235-1136  
<https://shss.umkc.edu/index.html>

**Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs: Toya Like**  
**Associate Dean of Graduate Programs: Alex Holsinger**

The Associate Deans work to meet the curricular and co-curricular needs of undergraduate and graduate students and promote student success.

Through the dean's office, coordination and support are provided for numerous areas related to academic programs, including: curriculum and program modification and development; assessment measures; academic standards, grading and appeals; academic dishonesty and student conduct; scholarships; catalog production; student recruitment and enrollment management; articulation efforts; online education; student success and retention; and commencement exercises.

In addition, the Associate Dean of Graduate Programs reviews and approves graduate committee appointments, committee changes, and graduate programs of study; and coordinates with the School of Graduate Studies for the appointment of doctoral, graduate, and adjunct graduate faculty.

## [School of Dentistry](#)

Office of Student Programs  
Dental School, Room 420  
650 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
(816) 235-2080  
[dentistry@umkc.edu](mailto:dentistry@umkc.edu)  
<https://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 is also responsible for oral health careers pipeline programs. Through the components of these programs, prospective students are exposed to the career opportunities within the field of dentistry and provided guidance to strengthen their candidacy for admissions and success in our degree programs.

## [School of Education, Social Work, and Psychological Sciences](#)

Office of Student Services  
Education Building, Room 129  
615 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
(816) 235-2234  
[seswps@umkc.edu](mailto:seswps@umkc.edu)  
<https://seswps.umkc.edu/>

### **Director of Student Services: Brad Martens**

The School of Education, Social Work, and Psychological Sciences 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, Social Work, and Psychological Sciences. The office assists with recruitment events, contact with prospective students, freshmen and transfer orientation, admissions to teacher education, scholarship materials, commencement, certification, and other student-centered activities.

## [School of Graduate Studies](#)

Atterbury Student Success Center, Room 120  
5000 Holmes Street  
(816) 235-1301  
[umkcsgs@umkc.edu](mailto:umkcsgs@umkc.edu)  
<https://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 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 Medicine**

Office of Student Affairs  
School of Medicine, Room M4-205  
2411 Holmes Street  
(816) 235-1900  
[medicine@umkc.edu](mailto:medicine@umkc.edu)  
<https://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. Learning Resource Specialists assist students with implementing study skills and test-taking strategies for rigorous science courses as well as for national licensure exams. Additionally, Supplemental Instruction is provided for several science courses in the

BA/MD and MD curriculum in conjunction with the Academic Support and Mentoring department.

### **Financial Wellness**

The School of Medicine has a full-time Financial Wellness Counselor to assist students in understanding the financing of medical school. This individual provides ongoing financial literacy programming to the student body, assists students one-on-one with the budget planning process, and helps students connect with financial wellness resources. 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 for mental health services. 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, Suite 2319  
2464 Charlotte Street  
(816) 235-1700  
[nurses@umkc.edu](mailto:nurses@umkc.edu)  
<https://sonhs.umkc.edu/>

**Associate Dean for Students: Sally Ellis Fletcher, PhD, RN, FNAP**  
**Director of Student Services: Casey Bauer, MA**

UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies (SoNHS), Student Services is committed to the academic success for all students by providing equitable service, building strong rapport, and working closely with faculty in all SoNHS degree programs. The Office of Student Services provides numerous services to meet the needs of current students and individuals desiring admission to the varied SoNHS programs. This office coordinates all student lifecycle activities related to recruitment, admission, enrollment, registration, graduation, and other student support services, including SoNHS scholarships, stress relief, and career options. In addition, the Office of Student Services assists nursing student organizations directly or as a liaison providing referrals to appropriate departments to ensuring the needs of students are met.



Graduate Senior Student Service Coordinators are integral members of the Student Services team. These critical professionals advise and assist graduate students through their academic careers. SoNHS Student Services serves as a liaison with the Roo Advising Department for undergraduate students advising. Many resources can be identified on the [SoNHS Student Services](#) website.

### **School of Science and Engineering**

SS&C Student Services Center  
336 Flarsheim Hall  
5110 Rockhill Road  
(816) 235-2399  
[sse@umkc.edu](mailto:sse@umkc.edu)  
<https://sse.umkc.edu/>

**Assistant Dean of Student Affairs: Marjory Eisenman**

The SS&C Student Services Center in the School of Science and Engineering provides a valuable resource for both prospective and current SSE students. Information about admission, academic advising, tutoring, career services, scholarships, and student organizations and teams can be obtained by contacting our office.

### **School of Pharmacy**

Office of Student Affairs  
Health Sciences Building, Suite 1219  
Hospital Hill Campus  
2464 Charlotte Street  
(816) 235-1613  
[pharmacy@umkc.edu](mailto:pharmacy@umkc.edu)  
<http://pharmacy.umkc.edu/>

**Associate Dean of Student Affairs: Steven Stoner**  
**Director of Student Affairs: Shelly Janasz**

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) 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 pharmacy assurance program 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.

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, part-time employment, and finding tutorial assistance. The OSA tracks records retention, registration and progression, certifies enrollment and degree completion and provides assistance to student organizations with professional projects. 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, Pharmacy Student Council, 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, but not limited to: pharmacy summer camps, pharmacy assurance workshops, numerous success and wellness workshops designed to assist and support pharmacy students, the admissions interview process, doctor of pharmacy orientation, professional dedication ceremony, pharmacy career day, scholarship awards ceremony, 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.

## **[Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy](#)**

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 Alcohol and Other Drug Policy and Prevention Program.](#)

## **[Campus Crime and Fire Safety Report \(Clery Report\)](#)**

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 the annual Campus Crime and Fire Report \(Clery Report\).](#)

## Campus Police Department

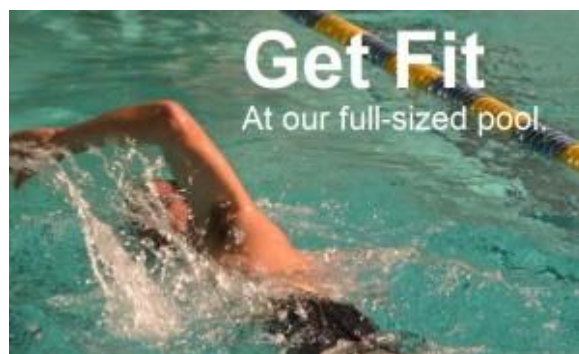
The UMKC Police Department is fully accredited and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Officers patrol the Volker Campus and Health Sciences Campus, responding to all service calls. Services include property registry, safety escorts, vehicle lockout and jumpstart assistance, Silent Witness, lost and found, and the Rave Guardian App.

Contact the UMKC Police Department at 816.235.1515, dial 9-1-1 from any campus phone, or utilize the emergency Blue Light phones located throughout campus grounds and parking lots.

[Visit the UMKC Police Department.](#)

## 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 Campus Recreation can help! Sign up for classes, intramurals, or workout in the Swinney Center. The facility 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, and intramural sports, plus an annex at Hospital Hill. Campus Recreation has all you need to stay on a fun and beneficial exercise routine.



[Visit Campus Recreation.](#)

## 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).

These students will be notified by the appropriate campus office of specific immunization requirements pertaining to them; however, UMKC recommends that all incoming students follow the immunization recommendations of the [American College Health Association](#).

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 [Roo Wellness - Health Services](#).

## Medical Marijuana

Amendment 3 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 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](#)

## **Roo Wellness - 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 Counseling Services.](#)

## **Roo Wellness - Health Services**

UMKC's Roo 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 Health Services.](#)

## **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 Roo Wellness - Accessibility Services at (816) 235-5612.

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 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 Anthem Student Advantage 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**

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!](#)

## **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. Reservations for meeting space must be made at least two weeks in advance.

[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 (SAGE)**

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, 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 events to help students learn about each other and their views.

[Learn more about Residential Life.](#)

## **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.](#)

## **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 and create a vibrant campus community.

OSI sponsors the following:

- [Union Programming Board](#)
- [Greek Life](#)
- [LGBTQIA Programs and Services](#)
- [Student Organizations](#)
- [Dr. Raj Bala Agrawal Care Center](#)
- [Parent and Family Programs](#)

[Learn more about the Office of Student Involvement.](#)



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[Visit Multicultural Student Affairs.](#)



## 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, Women's Tennis, Men'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.](#)

### **Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Policy and Prevention Program**

The use or possession of any alcoholic beverage is strictly prohibited on all University property except where 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, please inquire with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for External Relations & Constituent Engagement.

[Read the Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy.](#)

### **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 judgement 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 the Business Interruption Policy.](#)

## **[Campus Free Expression Act](#)**

The University of Missouri-Kansas City's facilities and grounds are intended for use by students, faculty and staff in support of UMKC's mission of teaching, research, service, and economic development. UMKC is also committed to protecting the freedom of expression and making its facilities and grounds available for expressive activities. The regulations are adopted to govern the time, place, and manner of expressive activities that fall under the Missouri Campus Free Expression Act (MO Senate Bill 93) of 2015.

[Read the Guiding Principles for Free Expression](#)

## **[Cashiers Policy](#)**

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://net3.umkc.edu/stu-aff/helpline/studentcomplaints>.

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 [filing a complaint](#).

## **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 is the used for University business and all official University communications are sent 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 account at their discretion for personal use as long as the usage is in compliance with the [Acceptable Use Policy \(CRR 110.005\)](#).

Students who are no longer enrolled will have a 12-month grace period before their email account is locked and deleted. Please see the [UM Email Account Eligibility Policy for Students](#).

## **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
- 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 Gallery of Art 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 Gallery of Art.](#)

### **Banking Services**

ATMs are available at the following locations: Administrative Center 1st floor lobby, Atterbury Student Success Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor vending area, and the School of Dentistry 1<sup>st</sup> floor patient lobby.

### **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. For hours, services and appointments please visit their [website](#) or call 816-363-2242.

## **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.

Students can visit the [Student Union Bookstore](#) or the [Health Sciences Bookstore](#) to find a wide array of educational materials, including textbooks, office supplies, reference materials and UMKC items. Other services include: textbook reservations, textbook sell-backs, graduation fairs, RooTech technology packages, and convenient payment options.

## **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.

## **Care Center**

The Dr. Raj Bala Agrawal Care Center at UMKC is here to ensure no Roo goes without. The Kangaroo Pantry located inside the Care Center is a resource for all UMKC students that provides food and personal hygiene items for those in need. Check out the [Kangaroo Pantry website](#) for more information on hours, locations and services provided. If you are in need of assistance in locating more resources, please feel free to [set up a meeting](#) with the UMKC Basic Needs Coordinator.

## 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 made on a student's account.

[Find out more about Cashiers policies and procedures.](#)

## Dining Services and Catering

Nestled in the heart of Kansas City, UMKC Dining Services and Catering brings forth captivating dining and retail havens across both campuses.

The Atterbury Student Success Center is home to our vibrant nine-station Dining Hall and UMKC Cafe. Hospital Hill Cafe treats you to Starbuck's classics and Made-To-Order deli-style sandwiches. For an invigorating coffee experience, the Robot Cafe awaits in Miller Nichols Library, serving local Roasterie coffee. If quick and familiar dining is what you seek, Baja Fresh Express and Chick-Fil-A await in the Student Union. Crafting fluffy bagels and artisanal sandwiches, Einstein's Bros. Bagels resides in Royall Hall. For ultimate convenience, the Smart Market caters to your snacking and dorm-supply needs, just steps away within Oak Street Residence Hall.

Moreover, we provide premier catering services that curate memorable culinary experiences for campus gatherings and events, tailored to the preferences of students and faculty.

Our extensive range of meal plans caters to resident and non-resident students, as well as faculty and staff members, providing a diverse array of dining options.

[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.](#)

## Information Services

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 a university 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](mailto:techsupportcenter@umkc.edu).

[Find out more about Information Services.](#)

## 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 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 Checklist.](#)

## **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.](#)

## **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 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.](#)

## **Student Veterans Support Services**

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 <https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/> to determine your eligibility or inquire about benefits.

[Visit the Office of Student Veterans Support Services.](#)

## 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 RideKC bike membership 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.](#)

## UMKC Roo News

Roo News is UMKC's long-standing independent student newspaper that works to provide campus with timely and thorough reporting on all aspects of student life. Beginning in 1933 and originally known as "The University Crest," Roo News now produces a wide range of content for UMKC students, including a monthly print edition, a weekly [YouTube broadcast](#) and postings on [our website](#) throughout the semester. If you are interested in becoming a part of the newspaper staff, contact an editor through email via the Roo News website. The newspaper is looking for writers, photographers, videographers, editors, graphic designers, and more! Check out the Roo News website, [Instagram](#), and TikTok [@roonewsumkc](#).

[Read the UMKC Roo News.](#)

## **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.](#)