

A Guide for Transfer Students

Which Courses Will I Need to Take?

There is no "universal" first-year curriculum that all law schools employ. Consequently, you may need to take one or more of our first-year classes this fall or the following spring. By the same token, one or more of your first-year courses may satisfy an upper-level requirement at UMKC. Notable examples:

Introduction to Law I and II

These courses, as offered at UMKC, provide an "[i]ntroduction to legal reasoning; case analysis and synthesis; case research; structure and style in legal writing with emphasis on expository writing, including office memoranda" in the first semester, and "Introduction to advocacy; introduction to interviewing, counseling and negotiation; statutory and computerized research; writing to and on behalf of a client, including a trial or appellate brief; oral advocacy" in the second semester. If your "Legal Methods" or "Research and Writing" courses did not offer these elements, you may be required to take one or both courses at UMKC.

Civil Procedure I & II, Constitutional Law I & II

Many law schools reverse the order in which material is covered in their civil procedure and constitutional law courses. As a result, your *Civil Procedure I* course, for example, may actually satisfy UMKC's *Civil Procedure II* requirement. In that case, you will need to take UMKC's *Civil Procedure I* course in the winter (spring) semester.

Advanced Torts

UMKC requires its students to take an *Advanced Torts* course before graduating in addition to our required first-semester *Torts* class. UMKC neither offers, nor requires, a *Torts II* class. Even though you may have taken *Torts I* and *II* at your former school, it is likely, if not certain, that you will still be required to enroll in *Advanced Torts* at UMKC.

Four-hour Courses

A number of law schools have opted to compress what had been two-semester course offerings, e.g., *Contracts I and II* (six total credit hours), into a one-semester, four-hour course. Whether or not a transfer student is required to take the second semester course, e.g., *Contracts II*, at UMKC will depend on coverage of the four-hour course completed by the student

Detailed information on UMKC's graduation requirements, course descriptions, etc., may be found on the web at:

- www.umkc.edu/umkc/catalog-grad/html/law/0460.html
- www.umkc.edu/umkc/catalog-grad/html/law/0480.html
- www1.law.umkc.edu/Academic/index.htm

Financial Aid

Once admitted the student should contact the financial aid offices at both her first law school and UMKC to begin the process of transferring financial aid to UMKC. The UMKC Office of Financial Aid may be contacted at:

Mailing Address:

Office of Financial Aid
Attn: Linda Lawrence
University of Missouri - Kansas City
5100 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110-2499

Telephone: (816) 235-1236

Email: lawrencel@umkc.edu

Student should be aware that most scholarships, grants, awards, etcetera, would not transfer from one institution to the next. In addition, transfer students are not, as a general rule, likely to receive scholarship assistance at UMKC.

Parking

All UMKC parking lots are either paid permit or metered lots. Students may purchase a parking permit from Parking Operations.

Campus Location:

Administrative Center, Room 221

Telephone: (816) 235-5256

Email: umkc-parking@umkc.edu

Website:

www.umkc.edu/adminfinance/police//parking/

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Housing

Information regarding housing can be obtained from the UMKC Welcome Center.

Telephone: (816) 235-8652

Website:

www.umkc.edu/welcome/housinginfo.html

Academics

Academic information such as our Honor Code, Plagiarism Policy, Attendance Policy, course schedules and concentrations can be found on our website at:

www1.law.umkc.edu/Academic/index.htm

Bookstore

Summer Hours: 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

Campus Location:

University Center, Lower Floor

Telephone: (816) 235-2665

Website: www.umkc.edu/bookstore/

Enrollment

Carol Pegues is the Registrar for the School of Law. All registration questions or concerns should first be directed to Ms. Pegues.

Campus Location:

UMKC School of Law
500 E. 52nd Street, 1-200
Kansas City, Missouri 64110-2499

Telephone: (816) 235-1688

Email: peguesc@umkc.edu.

Additional questions may be directed to Associate Dean Jeffrey Berman in person, by telephone at (816) 235-1640, or by email at bermanj@umkc.edu.

Enrollment at UMKC is a two-stage process. Students must first submit a Course Selection Sheet to Carol Pegues for approval. Once approved, students will need to enroll in their approved courses. There are three ways to register for courses at UMKC.

1. **Touchtone Registration** - You can register, drop and add courses, pay fees and hear your grades without coming to campus. You can call the touchtone system at (816) 444-8008 during the following hours: Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

2. **Computer** - Student Terminal Access to Records allows students to use a computer to do everything that the touchtone allows. STAR can be accessed on the web at:
www.umkc.edu/registrar/star/index.html.

3. **Walk-in** to the Registration Center, located at 115 Administrative Center, 5115 Oak Street.

Calendar

Website:

www1.law.umkc.edu/Academic/calendar/index.htm