

## **UMKC Biology Boot Camp FAQs**

### **How much does the Boot Camp cost, and what does that cover?**

For summer 2019, the cost is \$250. This covers all materials and supplies used to administer and run the Boot Camp, it covers three meals a day, and it includes a Boot Camp T-shirt.

### **Can I participate in the Biology Boot Camp even if I don't intend to take BIOL 108 or 109 in the fall?**

No, enrollment in BIOL 108 or 109 is a prerequisite for participation in the Biology Boot Camp. The week is designed to help students with the beginning of General Biology and will not be as helpful if you are not enrolled in one of these courses.

### **Can I apply to the Biology Boot Camp before I register for fall classes?**

Yes, you may apply to the Biology Boot Camp any time. In fact, we recommend applying early as we have a limited enrollment capacity.

### **Can I participate in the Biology Boot Camp if I am not a Biology major?**

Yes, but you must be enrolled in Biol 108 or Biol 109. The Boot Camp is biology oriented, and is led by Biology faculty and Biology advisors.

### **Can I participate in the Biology Boot Camp as a sophomore?**

Yes, but the program is geared toward making the transition to college, so the Boot Camp may not be as helpful for sophomore students.

### **Will I need housing for the Biology Boot Camp?**

Campus housing is optional and only provided for students with a housing contract with the Residential Life Office. Please refer to the "Housing FAQs" link for all housing information.

### **Will I need a parking permit for the week of the Biology Boot Camp?**

If you have a fall semester Parking Pass, it will be good for the week of the Biology Boot Camp. UMKC [parking permits may be purchased online](#). If you do not have a parking pass and will be driving, there is off- street parking on the perimeter of the campus. UMKC [parking options](#) are described on the Parking and Transportation web pages.

### **Will I receive course credit for participating in the Biology Boot Camp?**

No, this is an optional orientation program. No official UMKC credit will be given for the Biology Boot Camp.

### **Will meals be provided during the Biology Boot Camp?**

Yes, participants will receive three meals a day during the Biology Boot Camp. Vegan/vegetarian options will be available.

### **What should I bring to the Biology Boot Camp?**

- Something to take notes with and pen or pencil.
- Your UMKC ID card.
- A book for the Reading Skills sessions. It is recommended that the book be for leisure, and not a technical book nor a textbook.
- Comfortable clothes.
- Comfortable shoes (we intentionally schedule classes and meetings all over campus so you become familiar with the university buildings.
- If you have a laptop or tablet, you will need that in class. Alternatively, you may use a smart phone with a browser.

### **Do I need to purchase the Biology 108/109 textbook and Mastering Biology for the Biology Boot Camp?**

No, you may use a temporary, free access to the ebook for Biology 108 and 109, and its online companion material, Mastering Biology. You will need to purchase the textbook and Mastering Biology before the first day of the academic semester.

### **What if I get sick during the Biology Boot Camp?**

Technically, you will not be a student until the first day of class, but we have made arrangements so that you may use the campus health clinic during their normal hours, during the Boot Camp week.

If you are unable to use the campus health clinic, the nearest walk-in health care clinic is the Neighborhood Walk-in and Family Care, 5151 Troost, Suite 200. Kansas City, MO 816-237-1616. <https://ww2.rockhurst.edu/health-information-services/health-care-clinic>. This clinic is separate from the campus health clinic and you will need to use personal insurance.

### **How do I pay for the Biology Boot Camp?**

The Biology Boot Camp fees will be posted to your UMKC student billing account, and you may pay the same way you pay your other university fees. For more information on payment options, contact the Cashiers Office at

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

**Is there any financial aid available for the Biology Boot Camp?**

Yes, we have a limited number of need-based financial aid that will cover 50% of the Biology Boot Camp fee. Financial aid is only available to students who are biology majors. You will need to indicate on your registration form that you want to apply for the scholarship. You must have a completed FAFSA application submitted, and you need to qualify for financial aid by the university's criteria. We begin informing students of their scholarship acceptance in late July.

**How do I cancel my Boot Camp registration?**

You may cancel your Biology Boot Camp registration by emailing the program administrator at [BootCamp@umkc.edu](mailto:BootCamp@umkc.edu). You will receive a full refund if you cancel before the deadline. Please note that you must officially cancel to have the charges removed.