

# **School of Biological Sciences**

## **ADMISSIONS/TRANSFER INFORMATION**

### **TRANSFER ADMISSION STANDARDS**

Students who have completed 24 or more credit hours of college-level work are eligible for admission if they have attained a cumulative grade point average (GPA) (see GRADE POINT AVERAGE) of at least 2.0 (4.0 system) for all college-level coursework attempted at previous institutions and a GPA of at least 2.0 in math and science courses which are applicable to the UMKC biology major.

Transferring students who have completed fewer than 24 hours of college-level coursework must apply under the procedures for admission as a freshman and must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) (see GRADE POINT AVERAGE) of at least 2.0 (4.0 system) for all college-level coursework attempted at previous institutions and a GPA of at least 2.0 in math and science courses which are applicable to the UMKC biology major.

Students planning to transfer from other University of Missouri campuses to UMKC should be aware that their cumulative University of Missouri GPA (UM GPA) and UM Biology GPA must also be at least 2.0 to be admitted to the SBS.

### **TRANSFER STUDENTS FROM OTHER ACADEMIC UNITS AT UMKC**

Students in other academic units at UMKC who wish to declare a biology major need to schedule an appointment with an SBS Adviser and bring copies of transcripts for any courses not included on their UMKC transcript to this appointment. A UMKC Declaration of Major form will be completed at that time if the student is admissible. A minimum UM cumulative GPA of 2.0, a minimum UM Biology GPA of 2.0 and at least a GPA of 2.0 in math and science courses applicable to the biology major are required to be accepted as a student in the SBS. The Declaration of Major form must be approved by the Undergraduate Programs Office of the SBS (see DECLARATION OF MAJOR/MINOR).

### **CREDIT TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS**

Courses taken at institutions other than UMKC are initially evaluated by the Records Office to determine their acceptability. Final determination of course acceptability and fulfillment of degree requirements will be decided by the SBS. College-level credit may be transferred to this institution provided:

- Credit has been earned at a college or university of recognized standing, and
- D or higher grades have been attained for elective, college level courses or those courses that are equivalent to the General Education courses required for the SBS degree programs, and
- C- or higher grades have been attained for those courses that are equivalent to the Major Requirements for the SBS degrees, as determined by an SBS Adviser.

There is no limit to the number of acceptable transfer hours from a community college of recognized standing. Students transferring from outside of Missouri or Kansas must complete a minimum of 60 hours from an accredited four-year institution, 36 of which must be junior/senior level, to complete a BS or BA program. The final sequential 30 hours applied toward a degree must be earned at UMKC. (See RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT in the Requirements for Graduation section). Pre-college or remedial courses and courses from programs of a strictly technical/vocational nature will not transfer for credit.

### **TIME LIMIT ON DEGREE CREDIT**

In keeping with the University's policy as stated in the UMKC General Catalog, coursework of *any age* will be accepted in transfer to satisfy *general education* requirements and electives. However, due to the rapid scientific and technical advances in the field of biology, courses in many areas become outdated. Therefore, transfer coursework in biology will be evaluated based on its age at the time of admission to a Biology degree program. Students will be asked to repeat any transferred biology courses required for the Biology degree if the credit is over five years old at the time of initial transfer or declaration of the Biology major. Chemistry, physics and mathematics courses required for the major are not subject to the five year time limit, although it is expected that students have sufficient background in these areas to be successful in their biology classes.