



School of Biological Sciences

April is going fast, so hang in there and stay strong to the end of the semester. Many of you have already submitted your schedule proposals for Fall 2019 classes. (Good job.) If you still need to do so, remember it can be found [here](#). Once you fill it out, email it to your assigned academic advisor to have it evaluated and your academic hold lifted.

If you are having trouble getting in to see your advisor because their appointment blocks are all full, be aware that we are holding evening advising sessions in the third floor lounge of Johnson Hall. Dr. Reed and Dr. Tara Allen will be there *Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:00 PM* and Dr. Welchert and Ms. Klamm will be there *Thursday evening from 6:30-8:00 PM*. To schedule a fifteen minute appointment go to [UMKC Connect](#) and sign up on the calendar for the advisor you would like to meet with.

Below is information on some of our newer SBS courses. Check out our career readiness seminars and a brand new offering: Biostatistics.

Career Readiness Courses

Need one more credit hour to fill out your Fall schedule? Our one credit hour career readiness seminars are just what you are looking for.

LS 201. Healthcare Professions Seminar. Instructor: Dr. Welchert

This course is ideal for the student who is interested in working in healthcare, but wants to explore all of the potential options: medicine (MD & DO), dentistry, PA, optometry, public health, pharmacy, etc. Even if you are leaning heavily toward a particular pre-professional track, it is still worth your time to explore the different tracks and make sure you are in the track that is right for you. Guest speakers will cover topics including day-to-day activities on the job, educational requirements, career advancement, and necessary interests and abilities.

BIOL 201. Preparing for Careers in Biology. Instructors: Dr. Welchert & Dr. Reed

This course is targeted at students who want to pursue a profession in biology, rather than healthcare and will help students prepare for their post-undergraduate future. Topics include communication, skills identification and marketing, how to find employment or internship opportunities, a review of the application process for graduate education and the role of undergraduate research.

New Course: Biostatistics

This Fall SBS is offering a new course: Biostatistics, taught by Dr. Aaron Reed. Biostatistics will be in Pathway as BIOL 385 Special Topics. *It will fulfill the Stat 235 degree requirement and will also count toward upper-level biology hours.* (Two birds with one stone!) **Be sure you select the biostatistics section of BIOL 385 when you enroll, not the Bench to Bedside section.**

BSSG SGA Update

"The new SGA e-board has been announced. Justice Horn is the new president elect, Miriam Maqsood is the new executive vice president, Kyle Liggins is the new administrative vice president, and Zane Heflin is the SGA comptroller. The Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) student fee and the UMKC library fee also passed. Dr. Sandra Miles also has stepped down as the Dean of Students. Lastly, UMKC's LGBTQIA association is holding an Inclusion Party in the university walkway on April 11 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sincerely,
Renaas Omer

Jobs, career development, scholarships and internships

GRE - Are you planning on taking the GRE. The Princeton Review is trying to assess how to better support UMKC students preparing for the GRE. If you [fill out this survey](#), they will be better able to provide GRE prep at UMKC and you will be able to receive promo codes and discounts on their materials.

Vituity scribe openings - UMKC alum Pooja Patel is recruiting actively for medical scribes. Check out the [job listing](#) or email Pooja with any questions: Pooja.Patel@Vituity.com.

KU School of Med Open House - KUMC Friday 4/5 2:30-5:00 PM. "Brian Steele, assistant dean for admissions, takes your questions on the preparation and application process for medical school. Academic affairs provides a briefing on the MD program curriculum. A medical student panel discusses their path to medical school and answers your questions. Tour the campus with a current medical student." [Register here](#).

UMKC Propel Program - Looking to hire new mentors for the 2019-2020 academic year. Work 10-12 hours per week mentoring 3-5 students. Learn more about Propel [here](#). Interested? Contact Laura E. Hurse at hursele@umkc.edu.

Events and other opportunities

Gun Violence in the United State: It's Not (Just About the Guns) - LMSA, MSA UPB & TAASU present an event headlined by KU's chief of acute care surgery, trauma and surgical critical care. Dr. Robert D. Winfield. The event will address the impact and history of gun violence in the US. Tues 4/9 5-6 PM. Student Union room 301.

SBC-SGA - With the merger with chemistry, we are forming a new student government organization: School of Biological and Chemical Sciences--Student Government Association. You may nominate yourself for a leadership position by emailing Dr. Welchert by *April 17*. Check your inboxes for an announcement with more details that we sent out last Friday.

MCAT Marathon Day - All day MCAT Review. Sunday 4/28. 10 AM-10 PM. \$149. "We will review each subject for 2 hrs per section. A recording will be available to you for 2 weeks after the event. examcrackers.com

Iguana Research in British Virgin Islands - The Fort Worth Zoo is seeking participants for its Anegada iguana conservation project. Spend one week assisting with field research. Cost is \$1575 for the week. Contact Kelly Bradley kbradley@fortworthzoo.org for more info. May 23-31 or July 23-31 or Aug 1-9.



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