# **Bachelor of Liberal Arts**

This interdiscliplinary degree is a flexible, tailor-made program providing an alternative to a traditional bachelor of arts or bachelor of sciences degree program.

UMKC is located in the middle of the Kansas City legal community. Being in such a close proximity to the community I ultimately wanted to practice in has allowed me to build a strong network while I was laying the foundation for my career."

Alexandra Alpough, B.L.A., Juris Doctor

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YOUR OPTIONS FOR SUCCESS

UMKC is a public, urban university focused on student success, research and community service. The opportunities are endless.

### AT HOME IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City is a thriving regional hub for economic development and job growth and an ideal place for B.L.A. students. From nonprofits to nationally ranked hospitals to Fortune 100 companies, Kansas City offers numerous opportunities for professional development. Well-connected faculty, staff and alumni throughout the metro assist students in making connections outside the classroom.

### **DEGREE OPTIONS**

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### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

- » Account executive
- » Analyst
- » Business development manager
- » Copywriter
- » Communication specialist
- » Physician
- » Health-care professional
- » Entrepreneur
- » Human relations specialist
- » Journalist
- » Lawyer
- » Legislative assistant
- » Nonprofit director
- » Policy analyst
- » Professor
- » Public relations manager

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### **ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT**

The B.L.A. degree is for those who seek scientific literacy, an understanding of the social sciences and an appreciation of the humanities but do not wish to commit themselves to a specialty. These students gain maximum course flexibility.

The B.L.A. degree is particularly beneficial to students who matriculate into the six-year medical program and pursue the combined B.L.A./M.D. degrees, as well as those applying to UMKC School of Law through the Early Entry Law Program.

» Students craft a unique degree that combines numerous interests into a coherent program of study. The B.L.A. makes it possible to combine disciplines with virtually limitless interconnections, while the requirement to draw on arts and humanities as well as social and natural sciences ensures a diversity and breadth of expertise.

» A dedicated B.L.A. advisor is provided in the professional advising office. Students also can work with the specific departmental advisor in a chosen minor and students can seek out any of the school's advisors as they determine the focal points of their studies.

The B.L.A. program provides a broad foundation of knowledge and develops professionally relevant and essential skills, such as working in teams, written and oral communication skills, problem-solving and understanding a complex, global world.

#### **GET INVOLVED**

B.L.A. students are encouraged to consider participating in study abroad, internships, undergraduate research and other programs in connection with their B.L.A. studies.

### **STUDY ABROAD**

UMKC's Study Abroad and Global Engagement Office offers hundreds of programs in more than 50 countries — including semester- and year-long options. Learn more at umkc.edu/international.



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