

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION  
JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE



School of Law  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
5100 Rockhill Road  
Kansas City, MO 64110-2499

Location Address:  
500 E. 52nd St.  
816-235-1644; fax 816-235-5276  
www.umkc.edu/law

Application for: Aug. 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Application Type: First-Year Student  90-Hour Student   
Full Time  Part Time

Attach electronic attachment as necessary.

1. Name

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*Last First Middle Social Security Number LSAC account number*

2. Current Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City State ZIP Code  
*Number & Street*

3. Use Current Address Until \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YYYY

4. Current Telephone Contact Information (please include area code):

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Day Evening Cell Emergency

5. Current E-mail Address Permanent E-mail Address

6. Permanent Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City State ZIP Code  
*Number & Street*

7. Permanent Telephone Contact Information (please include area code):

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Day Evening Cell Emergency

8. In what state do you claim legal residence? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you, your spouse or either of your parents claiming you as a dependent for federal tax purposes, as of the date of this application:  operate a business in Missouri;  pay Missouri income tax? If so, please specify below.

10. Will you have earned an undergraduate degree before law school enrollment? Yes  No

11. If no, you must have a letter sent from your undergraduate school confirming that it will accept credits earned from the UMKC Law School to complete the undergraduate degree.

See <http://www1.law.umkc.edu/academic/Catalog.pdf>

12. Other law schools to which you are applying. (This information will not affect your application for admission in any way.)

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13. Have you ever applied to this Law School before? Yes  No  If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
MM YYYY

13a. How did you hear about UMKC School of Law? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Have you ever been or are you currently attending, or are you registered as a student at any law school (including summer start or conditional admission programs)?

14a. Yes  No  If so, state the name of the school, the dates of attendance and whether you are/were in good standing and eligible to return.

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15. List in order of attendance all colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools (except law schools) you have attended:

Name of Institution City/State	Attendance Dates MM/YY-MM/YY	Type of Degree	Hours Earned	GPA	Major

16. Dates on which you took or plan to take the LSAT and score, if known:

MM/YY                      Score                      MM/YY                      Score                      MM/YY                      Score                      MM/YY                      Score

**Personal History**

17. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)                      Place of Birth                      Gender (M/F)                      Country of Citizenship

18. If not a U.S. citizen, you must also complete the International Student Application which may be found at [www.umkc.edu/ISAO](http://www.umkc.edu/ISAO).

Permanent Resident Alien Registration No. (attach a copy of your card to the Certification Letter) \_\_\_\_\_

19. Have you ever served or are you now serving in the armed forces? Yes  No

20. If yes, please specify branch of service, highest rank, and dates of service (MM/YY-MM/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Information**

21. In effort to both better serve our student population, design programming that is more inclusive and remain compliant with federal, state, local and several granting organizations, please indicate your ethnic or racial background:

I. Are you Hispanic/Latino?  Yes  No

II. Which of the following do you consider to be your racial background? Please select one or more that apply and a "P" on the line next to your primary ethnicity type.

- \_\_\_\_\_ American Indian or Alaska Native                       \_\_\_\_\_ White                       \_\_\_\_\_ Black/African American
- \_\_\_\_\_ Asian (underrepresented)                       \_\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- \_\_\_\_\_ Asian (includes Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Asian Indian or Thai)

Are you or your parents employed by the University of Missouri?  Yes  No

Did one or both of your parents graduate from college?  Yes  No

Did one or both of your parents/grandparents graduate from UMKC?  No  Yes, name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First                      Last                      (Maiden)

## Character

If the answer to any of the following questions is yes, please attach a supplemental statement or electronic attachment accurately describing the incident, its resolution and the dates. If you are unsure as to whether to make a disclosure, we encourage you to err on the side of disclosure. You should include everything except sealed juvenile adjudications.

22. Are you currently or have you ever been on academic suspension, academic probation or dismissed from any institution of learning? Yes  No
23. Have disciplinary charges ever been filed against you at any institution of learning or as a member of any profession or organization? Yes  No
24. Are there any disciplinary charges that you expect to be brought against you at any institution of learning or as a member of any profession or organization? Yes  No
25. Have you ever been denied or had revoked a license or permit, the procurement of which required proof of good moral character (such as real estate broker; certified public accountant)? Yes  No
26. Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty to a crime other than minor traffic violations? Yes  No
27. Are there any criminal charges pending against you? Yes  No
28. Do you expect any criminal charges to be brought against you? Yes  No

I certify that the information provided on this application and in the attached materials is true and complete.

I will notify the Office of Admissions of any additional information or changes arising at any time prior to my matriculation at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

I understand that any misstatement or omission in this application is grounds for denial of admission and just cause for suspension or dismissal from the Law School and may be reported to bar admission authorities.

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*Signature*

*Date*

## Statement of Human Rights

The Board of Curators and UMKC are committed to the policy of equal opportunity, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, disability, or Vietnam-era Veteran status. The Affirmative Action Office, 360 Administrative Center, 5115 Oak St., is responsible for all relevant programs. Call 816-235-1323 for information or go to [www.umkc.edu/chancellor/ode/](http://www.umkc.edu/chancellor/ode/). People with speech or hearing impairments may contact the University by using Relay Missouri, 1 800 735-2966 (TT).

## Have You...

- Registered to take the Law School Admission Test?
- Registered with the Credential Assembly Service (LSDAS)?
- Requested two letters of recommendation to be submitted to the Credential Assembly Service?
- Requested transcripts to be submitted to the Credential Assembly Service?

Attach to your electronic application:

- a résumé
- a personal statement
- Mail completed certification form along with application fee to:  
UMKC School of Law  
Office of Admissions  
500 E. 52nd Street  
Kansas City, MO 64110

Applications may be submitted beginning Sept. 1.

## The Application Process

Thank you for your interest in the University of Missouri--Kansas City School of Law. We seek a diverse student body to join us. Our students receive excellent legal training as we prepare them to become responsible community leaders in Kansas City and throughout the nation. Students at UMKC can learn in a positive, constructive atmosphere with many opportunities for interaction with faculty and upper-class students. If an environment conducive to learning and professional development is what you are looking for, UMKC is the place for you!

Applicants should have completed a bachelor's degree based on a program of courses with substantial intellectual content. Any course of study leading to an undergraduate degree will be sufficient for admission, as long as the emphasis was an intellectually demanding one that challenged the student to employ critical-thinking skills and communicate effectively. Particularly helpful to law school study, however, are courses in history, political science, logic, debate, and language arts. Courses with a strong emphasis on writing are particularly encouraged in light of the crucial role effective writing plays both in law school and law practice.

As an alternative, students who have completed at least 90 acceptable hours of credit in an approved institution may be admitted, as long as they have completed all non-elective course work toward a bachelor's degree. The student must also have made arrangements with the school that will award the degree to accept law school credits for the remainder of the work required to earn that degree, so that the student will earn the degree before obtaining the JD.

**All applicants for admission must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), register with the Credential Assembly Service (LSDAS), and submit their application electronically through the Credential Assembly Service. Applicants may obtain complete information about the LSAT and the Credential Assembly Service from the Law School Admission Council, Box 2000, Newtown, PA 18940; [www.LSAC.org](http://www.LSAC.org), or the UMKC Law School Admission Office. All undergraduate transcripts and two letters of recommendation must be sent to the Credential Assembly Service using the above address. The LSAT exam should be taken by February for fall admission. UMKC School of Law classes begin only in the fall.**

## Decision Factors

The School of Law restricts the number of students admitted each year to achieve a favorable faculty-student ratio providing the best possible legal education for each student enrolled. Because many more people apply to the law school than there are seats available, admission is highly competitive. While substantial weight is given to LSAT score and undergraduate GPA, the law school and its faculty believe that using factors in addition to the LSAT and GPA contribute to an intellectually stimulating and diverse environment. These factors, consistent with the university's values of diversity, inclusiveness and respect, include racial, ethnic, cultural, gender, age, or other forms of diversity; triumphs over challenges and barriers based on societal discrimination or economic disadvantage; outstanding leadership qualities; serious and sustained commitment to significant public or community service; advanced or specialized educational achievements; accomplishments or qualities indicative of potential for contributing to scholarly and creative initiatives; and potential to provide high-quality legal services to clients.

## Personal Statement

**A résumé and personal statement must be electronically attached to your electronic application.** The personal statement should help the committee get to know you and understand your strengths and motivations; and help it determine your likelihood for law school success and contributions you will make to our community of learners. If there are questions raised by the information in your application, the personal statement is a good place to provide answers or explanations. You may focus on one or more of the following: your motivation for law study; factors that demonstrate the likelihood of your success in law school (including an explanation of undergraduate or LSAT performance, as well as outstanding leadership and achievement); a description of how you have overcome deprivations based on societal discrimination or economic disadvantage; and how you will contribute to the class.

## Transfer Applicants

Students who have completed at least one year at an ABA-accredited law school may be accepted for admission with advanced standing. A maximum of 30 credit hours will be accepted for transfer. Transfer applicants must submit: this application; application fee; official transcript from the current law school; copy of your Credential Assembly Service report; a letter from the current law school stating that you are a student in good standing with no academic or disciplinary problems and that you are eligible to return to the current school; and a personal statement indicating your reasons for transferring. **Transfer applications are available on the UMKC website at [www.umkc.edu/admissions](http://www.umkc.edu/admissions).**

## Application Fee

A nonrefundable \$50 application processing fee in the form of a check or money order payable to the University of Missouri-Kansas City must accompany this application. Former UMKC students who attended starting fall 1975 are not required to pay the fee. **No other fee waivers can be granted.**