



To all prospective international music composition majors:

I am pleased to hear of your interest in the UMKC Composition Programs. There are approximately 50 students majoring in composition at the Conservatory from freshman through doctoral levels, which means that we will expect to admit 12-15 new students per year. I encourage you to look at our degree catalog entries for the [B.M. in Music Composition](#), [M.M. in Music Composition](#), or [D.M.A. in Music Composition](#), as well as our other UMKC websites ([umkc.edu](#), [conservatory.umkc.edu](#), and [umkc.edu/isao](#)) for details about the composition program, the on-line catalog, application procedures, and about the members of the composition faculty, all of whom teach composition and orchestration plus one additional area of specialization. Please feel free to contact us by email or phone for assistance.

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For questions relating to Conservatory admissions, please contact cadmissions@umkc.edu

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

[Apply to UMKC](#) and upload the following. Applications for all Conservatory degrees require an artistic resume or CV and two letters of recommendation. In addition, the following portfolio materials are required for Composition applications:

- A) **Three or more representative compositions** – including scores (unless a particular piece is for recorded media alone), recordings if available. Make sure each is labeled with: Name, Instrumentation, Duration, and Year of Composition.
- B) A **complete list of works you have composed** (this can include original works as well as arrangements, orchestrations and study pieces); labeling should be similar to A.) above.

***Prospective freshmen please note:** freshmen often have had very little access to instruction in notation; although you should make every effort to present your music as professionally as possible, we will generally be more interested in what the music looks and sounds like than how correctly it has been notated.*

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1, 2022.
Late and incomplete applications will not be advanced.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

All undergraduates must also pass an applied music audition (instrument or voice) for final Conservatory entry. 2023 auditions will consist of a **live audition**. Details are on our website's [admissions page](#), or by contacting the Conservatory at 816-235-2900.

Composition majors at the MM and DMA level are exempt from the admission audition on an instrument or voice

Three audition dates are available:

- Saturday, February 4, 2023
- Monday, February 20, 2023
- Friday, March 3, 2023

If you live more than **300 miles from campus**, you may request a **video audition**. Please note that full scholarship consideration may not be available to video auditions.

All applicants are very strongly advised to audition on campus. If scheduling difficulties or distances are insurmountable, applicants may request to audition via recording. Contact cadmissions@umkc.edu for approval.

On behalf of all the Composition faculty, I thank you for your interest in the Composition Programs, Dr. Paul Rudy / Professor of Music Composition

Composition Application Check List -- International Students

- Did you complete the UMKC application and pay the application fee?
- Did you upload your scores, sound files, and list of works studied to the application?
- Did you list three references on the application?
- Did you upload your artistic resume/CV?
- Did you select your audition day (undergraduate applicants only)?
- Did you arrange for your transcripts and test scores to be sent to UMKC admissions?
- Did you arrange for your [English proficiency scores](#) to be sent to UMKC Admissions?