

HEIghten -UMKC's General Education Exit Exam

UMKC has selected the ETS Outcomes Assessment Suite (HEIghten) to assess students' achievement of the general education program's student learning outcomes. The HEIghten consists of five separate modules: Critical Thinking, Quantitative Literacy, Written Communication, Civic Competency & Engagement, and Intercultural Competency & Diversity. These modules align with the learning outcomes identified for the UMKC Essentials program.

You should do your best on the test to help UMKC enhance student learning in the general education program. Faculty use the results to evaluate curriculum, instruction, and teaching. Students' best effort will help faculty obtain valid and reliable data for decision making. Aggregate scores are analyzed and used by UMKC to make decisions about program improvements. No individual scores are reported. You will be notified of the score you earn on the module, but the score will not be recorded on your transcript. If you desire, you may include the results of the exam when you apply for internships or employment opportunities.

Students seeking an undergraduate degree at UMKC are required to take the HEIghten exam after the completion of 90 hours and prior to graduation. There are four exceptions. One, if you have earned a Bachelor's degree previously. Two, if you are a School of Education Bachelor's degree-seeking teacher education student or a Bachelor of Music Education student in the UMKC Conservatory and have taken the entire C-BASE test and obtained a score of 235 in all five sections (English, Science, Math, Social Studies, and Writing). Three, if you are a School of Education Bachelor's degree-seeking teacher education student or a Bachelor of Music Education student in the UMKC Conservatory and have taken the MoGEA and achieved the following scores: English (220), Writing (193), Math (183), Science (202) and Social Studies (202). Four, if you are a student in the Bachelor of Science in Biology, Clinical Laboratory Sciences option, and have completed the clinical program in the School of Biological and Chemical Sciences. If you receive the email notification to take this test and you have fulfilled one of these exceptions, contact your advisor and an exemption will be noted on your record.

Email notifications are sent to students who are eligible to take the exam. When you become eligible, send an email message from your UMKC email account to testingservices@umkc.edu. Instructions for taking the exam will be sent to you. You may take the exam from your computer or any computer to which you have access, such as in the library or an open computer lab. The exam will take about 50 minutes to complete, but you should allow additional time for testing your system prior to starting the exam.

Please note that if you do not complete the HEIghten by your final semester, a hold will be placed on your account, which will prevent the Registrar from sending your diploma or transcript.