

Bylaws of the UMKC
Undergraduate Honors Club

Article I – Name:

This organization shall be called the UMKC Undergraduate Honors Club. This organization shall also be known as UHC.

Article II – Purpose:

The club is organized and will be operated exclusively for educational purposes and, in furtherance thereof, specific objectives are:

- A. To provide an environment that allows intellectually promising. Academically motivated students to realize their highest academic potential;
- B. To promote a greater interest in academics at UMKC; and
- C. To provide access to information resources to help Honor Students excel.

(Other objectives may be added but must not conflict with the main purpose stated above.)

Article III – Membership:

1. A member “in good standing” must:
 - A. Currently be a full-time or part-time student at UMKC;
 - B. Maintain a three-point-zero grade average while a member of the UHC;
 - C. Not have been during the previous semester, or not be placed while in the club, under academic assessment; and
 - D. Not be under academic probation.
2. If a member of the UHC is under academic probation or under academic assessment they will be a non-voting member until completion of probation, and reinstatement to good-standing,
3. The requirements for affiliate membership are extended to members of all the schools at UMKC.
4. Membership and activities are open to all currently enrolled students regardless of race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, disability or Vietnam era veteran’s status.

Article IV – Officers:

1. The officers of this organization shall be two Co-Directors. Each officer must be a voting member of this organization and a full-time student at UMKC.
2. The Co-Directors shall be elected at the appropriate election meetings one in April; the other in December. They shall take office immediately after the election meeting and serve until their successor takes office at the end of the next seasonal election meeting.

3. Vacancies in either Co-Director position caused by resignation, removal, or ineligibility shall be filled by the other Co-Director and the two faculty sponsors. If both Co-Director positions are vacated then a vote of the club and consent of the two faculty directors will fill the positions. The newly elected Co-Director will carry out the original term of the replaced officer.

Article V – Duties of Officers:

1. The Co-Directors shall preside at all meeting of this organization. The Co-Directors shall represent this organization at all meeting with the College of Arts and Sciences. The Co-Directors shall also appoint all committees of this organization and all committee chairmen shall keep records of al business decisions and transactions. The Co-Directors shall make the annual report of this club's finances to the voting members of the club.
2. The Activities Chairman, whose term is one semester, shall be responsible for any activities or meeting not related to regular meetings. The Activities Chairman will also organize and be responsible for any field trips or social functions in connection with this club.

Article VI – Faculty Sponsor:

1. The faculty sponsor(s) shall remain in their positions until such time that they decide not to continue. At that time the Dean of Arts and Sciences will appoint a new faculty sponsor(s).
2. The faculty sponsor(s) shall be generally responsible for the activities of this club and shall specifically:
 - A. Help provide continuity from year to year as student leadership and personnel change;
 - B. Help promote good student-faculty relationships;
 - C. Help maintain university standards in all activities of the club.
 - D. Exercise financial supervision if necessary by:
 - (1) Promoting prompt payment of bills and collection of dues.
 - (2) Overseeing the settlement of all accounts in the event of dissolution of this club;
 - (a) The book of account shall be kept up to date and open to the inspection of the University auditor.
 - E. Represent the club's interests to the faculty and administration.

Article VII – Executive Council:

1. The Executive Council shall consist of the club's Co-Directors, and the faculty sponsor(s)

2. Except as otherwise provided for in these bylaws, the Executive Council shall act for this club in all matters except election of officers at the annual election meeting and the amendments of these bylaws.
3. Meetings of the Executive Council shall be called by a Co-Director at his or her discretion or upon request of any member of the Executive Council.

Article VIII – Committees:

1. the Standing Committee(s) may include:
 - A. Publications Committee, which shall organize and publish any regular newsletters or journals that the majority of the voting members of the club deem necessary.
 - B. Activities Committee, which shall organize any social, service, or Public Relations activities.
2. Each Standing Committee shall consist of at least three voting members of this club; It may have one or two additional members who are either voting or non-voting members of this club.
3. In addition to Standing Committee, Ad-Hoc Committees may be established by the consent of both Co-Directors.
4. The Chair and members of both Standing and Temporary Committees are appointed by the Club Co-Directors from among volunteers. All committee appointments shall terminate at the end of the appropriate election meeting.

Article IX – Meetings:

1. Meeting shall only be held in places that are open to all members of the UHC.
2. The election meetings shall be held during the Fall and Winter terms of every year.
 - A. Nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member at the meeting before the election meeting.
 - B. The voting shall take place at the election meeting.
 - C. A majority of the votes cast for any office is necessary for election to that office.
3. There shall be at least six meetings each year.
4. A quorum of this club for the conduct of business shall consist of twenty voting members.
5. Meeting may coincide with the weekly Honors Colloquium so long as the Faculty Sponsors approve of the time use, and quorum is reached.

Article X – Amendments and Procedures:

1. Amendments to these bylaws shall be made in the following manner:
 - A. The proposed amendment shall be read at a regularly announced meeting.

- B. The proposed amendment shall be distributed to the membership in writing with notice of a subsequent meeting at which the amendment will be considered.
 - C. At the designated meeting the amendment shall be read again, discussed, and voted upon. Two-thirds of the voting members who are present and voting shall be required to adopt the amendment.
2. The rules in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern this club in all cases to which they are applicable and are not inconsistent with these bylaws.
 3. Rulings on any point of procedure not included in these bylaws shall be made by the Co-Directors with the approval of the faculty sponsor(s).
 4. It is further understood that if this organization desires at any time in the future to change in any way the provisions of this charter, that before such action is taken, the organization will submit for approval to the Student Government Association and the Student Life Office every detail of the desired changes to be made.