

We are pleased to share version 1.0 of UMKC's new syllabus generator. While we recognize you have completed your syllabi for fall, we encourage you to check out this new program. The syllabus generator remains a work-in-progress, but we hope you will visit the link (below) to see what we are building. We are eager to receive your feedback and suggestions for future versions.

We are designing the syllabus generator program to accomplish four goals:

1. to reduce the burden on faculty to locate the correct required course information from the university catalog and Pathway;
2. to provide a single location for accessing the most up-to-date required syllabus components to help you build your syllabi each semester;
3. to provide a site where faculty can create, customize, and archive syllabi, making them available for future use, and
4. eliminate the need for individual departments to review, collect, and archive syllabi each semester (version 1.0 does not have the capability for #3 and #4, but it is a primary goal of version 2.0).

Version 1.0 represents a substantial first step toward achieving these goals. For most courses, version 1.0 will auto-populate a syllabus template with the required course details from the catalog and Pathway, including meeting time and location for synchronous and on-campus courses. This version will also pull student learning outcomes for most courses outside of the professional programs (we will add those in version 2.0).

Below are the basics for how version 1.0 works:

- When you click the link below, you will immediately see the UM System's main SSO login site (Shibboleth Identity Provider). Enter your UMKC SSO, and proceed to the Syllabus Generator home page.
- The home page contains project background information and instructions for using the program. You will also see a list of items needed to enter in the syllabus generation process.
- At the end of the instruction screens, you will see a button to proceed. From there, you will see the screens and options we hope are self-explanatory.
- After answering the program's prompts, you will see a button at the bottom of the page to download the syllabus template.

It is important to note that the downloaded file is a template. Some information will be pre-populated, but you will need to add your course-specific information such as your policy on late assignments, your grading criteria, and your week by week schedule. This program aims to help provide a basic syllabus foundation you can use and customize to create a final document that fits best for your particular courses' specific needs.

Syllabus Generator 1.0 is the result of tireless and dedicated work from the talented IS programming team of Maury Brown, Mary Lackamp, Kushal Vallambhatla, Ling Li, Tejkumar (Tej) Yentrappagada, Nikhila (Nikki) Donti Reddy, and Prasanna Reniguntala. We are grateful to them and to Andy Goodenow, CIO, for making the syllabus generator a priority project this summer.

We are excited about the future of this program, and we welcome any feedback or suggestions you have. Please email those directly to Vice Provost Filion at filiond@umkc.edu.

Here is the link to the Syllabus Generator: <https://net3.umkc.edu/intapps/auto-syllabus-generator>