



The University of Kansas offers a bachelor's degree in health information management, an exciting health profession focused on managing health data and information to improve health care delivery. This degree program includes hands-on learning in a variety of health care settings and interprofessional education opportunities with other health care professionals. The curriculum focuses on health care management, data and information management practices, health information systems and technology, health care delivery systems, and clinical concepts.

Graduates of this program are positioned to become leaders in health care with the skills required to analyze and manage health data and information, including the systems, processes, and teams of people who work with health data and information. Those with a degree in health information management may find work in varieties of settings including at health information technology companies, hospitals, physician offices, health insurance companies, and government agencies, among others.

The HIM program begins in August when students enter their first semester of professional coursework on the KU Medical Center campus in Kansas City, KS. Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) certification exam offered by the American Health Information Management Association and become credentialed in this health profession.

Eligibility and Prerequisites

- Students enter the program after accumulating two (2) years of college course work, including prerequisite courses, totaling at least 60 hours to qualify for KU graduation with a total of 120 hours after completing this program.
- Students may apply if currently enrolled or working towards prerequisite coursework. However, all prerequisites must be completed before the start of the program.
- An overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for college coursework is required to be eligible to apply. No grade lower than a "C" is accepted in any prerequisite course.
- All individuals admitted to the program will be asked to verify that they can meet the technical standards with or without accommodations. See <https://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/academics/departments/health-information-management/academics/technical-standards.html>
- Acceptance into the program is conditional, pending the results of the criminal background check.
- Students in this program are required to have a computer that [meets the minimum software and hardware requirements](#).
- **Current KU students on the Lawrence campus** should sign up to be included on the pre-health information management track. This is not the same as a major. [Please contact the Undergraduate Advising Center](#) for assistance.

Application Process

- Apply to the program and pay the application fee by the February 1 priority admission deadline at <https://gograd.ku.edu/apply/>
- Arrange to have one official copy of each transcript from every college and university that you have attended sent directly to KU Medical Center. Electronic transcripts may be submitted to him@kumc.edu.
- Additional application materials such as Letter of Intent, Resume, and two (2) References are also required.

Applications are reviewed upon successful completion and submission of ALL materials.

It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate up to date information about the program, it is imperative you meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.

Prerequisite Courses – No grade lower than a “C” is accepted in any prerequisite course.

KU Courses	JCCC Courses	KU Core
Biological Sciences		
BIOL 100 Principles of Biology (or other natural sciences courses) ¹	BIOL 121 Introductory Biology for Non-Majors	GE 3N
BIOL 240 Fundamentals of Human Anatomy ² AND BIOL 246 Principles of Human Physiology ³	BIOL 140 Human Anatomy AND BIOL 225 Human Physiology* OR BIOL 144 Human Anatomy and Physiology*	N/A
Mathematics		
MATH 365 Elementary Statistics	MATH 181 Statistics*	GE 1.2
ACCT 200 Fundamentals of Financial Accounting ⁴	ACCT 121 Accounting I AND ACCT 122 Accounting II*	GE 1.2
English		
ENGL 101 Composition	ENGL 121 Composition I*	GE 2.1
ENGL 102 Critical Reading and Writing	ENGL 122 Composition II*	GE 2.1
Oral Communication		
COMS 130 Speaker-Audience Communication	COMS 121 Public Speaking	GE 2.2
Humanities		
PHIL 148 Reason and Argument [^]	PHIL 124 Logic and Critical Thinking	GE 1.1, 3H
PHIL 160 Introduction to Ethics	PHIL 143 Ethics	GE 1.1, 3H, AE 5.1
HUM 204 Western Civilization I (or other culture and diversity elective) ⁵	HIST 125 Western Civilization: Ancient World to the Renaissance	GE 1.1, 2.1, AE 4.2
Social Sciences		
PSYC 104 General Psychology	PSYC 130 Introduction to Psychology	GE 3S
SOC 104 Elements of Sociology	SOC 122 Introduction to Sociology	AE 4.1,
Health Care		
HEIM 210 Introduction to Health Care [^]	No equivalent	N/A
HEIM 230 Medical Terminology	HC 130 Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professions	N/A
Other		
BLAW 301 Legal Aspects of Business [^]	BLAW 261 Business Law I*	GE 1.1, 3S
IST 202 Intro to Information Systems [^] OR IST 205 Survey of Information Systems [^]	CIS 201 Introduction to Information Systems* No equivalent	N/A

* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

[^] Recommended for applicants starting the program fall 2021, required for applicants starting the program fall 2022.

¹Students may choose any elective fulfilling the [KU Core Goal 3, Natural Sciences](#).

²BIOL 241 or BOL 242 are lab courses for BIOL 240 and are recommended but not required.

³BIOL 247 is the lab course for BIOL 246 and is recommended but not required.

⁴KU requires students to take MATH 101 before taking ACCT 200; transfer students may not need to complete a MATH 101 equivalent if it is not required for the required accounting course.

⁵Students may choose any elective fulfilling the [KU Core Goal AE 4.2](#)

Recommended Courses

KU Courses	JCCC Courses	KU Core
Students needing additional credit hours should consider taking the following recommended courses		
Classes needed to finish KU's minor in business:		
MKTG 310 Marketing	MKT 230 Marketing	N/A
FIN 305 Survey of Finance OR FIN 310 Finance	No equivalent	N/A
SCM 305 Survey of Decision Making in Business OR SCM 310 Mgmt Science & Operations Mgmt	No equivalent	N/A
Additional courses recommended for students interested in health information management:		
BUS 305 Business Writing <i>(meets requirement for ENGL 102)</i>	No equivalent	N/A
ENGL 362 Technical Writing	ENGL 123 Technical Writing I*	N/A
SOC 160 Social Problems and American Values	SOC 125 Social Problems	AE 4.1, 5.1, GE 1.1

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KU Core Requirements

The KU Core comprises three general education goals and three advanced education goals. The general education goals are best met early in a student's career. The advanced education goals are most appropriately acquired using the foundation of knowledge gained from the general education goals and progression through the major.

Courses can be used to satisfy one Core goal at a time, but may satisfy a major requirement and a core goal. To learn more about courses that satisfy the KU Core visit: <https://credittransfer.ku.edu> Some KU Core goals will be fulfilled through courses taken during the last two years of study in the health information management program at KU Medical Center.