Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences
College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCU-COM)

2015–2016 Enrollment
Total medical school enrollment: 1,053
Total male: 608
Total female: 445
First-year enrollment: 270
First-year male: 178
First-year female: 92
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 0

Curricular Offerings
• Beginning with students’ first days on campus, KCU-COM puts the patient at the center of the learning process. Our innovative curriculum integrates clinical relevance with a solid foundation in the basic sciences.
• Through an emphasis on the importance of the physician-patient relationship, students take part in hands-on early clinical experiences that prepare them to become more effective physicians.
• Clinical enhancements, such as patient simulators and standardized patient encounters, teach vital communication skills.
• Since 1996, KCU osteopathic medical students have provided thousands of free health screenings to children in need through the University's sponsorship of Score 1 for Health. It is a win-win scenario through which KCU medical students gain valuable clinical experience while providing care for children who might not otherwise have access.
• During the third and fourth years of study, students receive advanced clinical training in a wide variety of medical settings, both in Kansas City and throughout the United States. Thanks to the guidance of highly qualified preceptors, students transform their classroom knowledge into real-world clinical experiences.

Combined Degree Programs
Baccalaureate/DO – KCU-COM established an early matriculation program, called the Partnership Plan, with several outstanding undergraduate institutions. As a prospective Partner Program student, you will apply early in the fall semester of your sophomore year. Additional information can be found on our website at www.kcumb.edu/admissions/medical-students/partner-programs/
DO/MA – The degree program provides a broad orientation to the interdisciplinary field of bioethics, including an in-depth examination of philosophical and religious ethics. Students can complete both the DO and Master of Arts in Bioethics in four years. www.kcumb.edu/academics/college-of-osteopathic-medicine/degrees/
DO/MBA – Students in the DO/MBA in Healthcare Leadership dual-degree program, which is unique among U.S. medical schools, will learn how business practices and processes work together to create efficient health-care managerial systems. MBA coursework is carefully integrated into the KCU curriculum, allowing you to complete both programs in four years. www.kcumb.edu/academics/college-of-osteopathic-medicine/degrees/

Special Programs
The KCU College of Biosciences Master of Science in the Biomedical Sciences prepares students for careers as research associates in major laboratories or advanced study in the healthcare profession, including the studies of medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine. Students can enroll in either a 12-month or a 24-month research track. www.kcumb.edu/academics/college-of-biosciences/
• International Medicine Programs: No
• KCU-COM offers three honors tracks:
  – Global Health
  – Military Medicine
  – Rural Medicine
More information can be found at:
http://www.kcumb.edu/academics/college-of-osteopathic-medicine/curriculum/tracks/

Preparatory Programs
None

Facilities
• The Administration Building, built in 1916, served as the original Children’s Mercy Hospital. The newly-remodeled building includes the Walker Family Welcome Center, a new boardroom and 11 departments, housing more than 70 members of KCU faculty and staff. The century-old facility is notable for its vibrant past and boasts numerous highlights, including a third-floor conference room that was originally an operating room with a skylight to allow for natural light during surgeries.
• The new Academic Center provides additional classroom space to the campus with two lecture halls: one seats 300-plus and the other seats 400-plus. It also provides for additional breakout rooms for smaller study groups.
• The Student Activities Center provides a centralized gathering place and work spaces for students, as well as an expansive fitness center, full-service coffee shop, bookstore and more.
• The D’Angelo Library provides a beautiful and spacious area for students, staff and faculty to meet and learn. It features designated study rooms for individual or group sessions, conference room, computer lab and Special Collections Room.
• Leonard Smith Hall offers space for the University’s tutoring programs, individual and small-group study rooms, a computer lab, a student study lounge and more.
• The Dybedal Center for Research is the epicenter of research activities at KCU. Equipped for Biosafety Levels I and II research, the Dybedal Center includes more than 20,000 square feet of basic science laboratories.
• The Kesselheim Center for Clinical Competence provides KCU medical students with access to state-of-the-art human patient simulators, enabling them to experience medical scenarios and to link those experiences with standardized patient interactions.

Description
Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCU-COM) stands as one of the five original college of osteopathic medicine, founded in 1916. For 100 years, KCU has been committed to a primary purpose-the education and training of caring, compassionate osteopathic physicians. We are the second-largest provider of physicians for Kansas and Missouri, delivering much-needed medical care in underserved areas. KCU-COM ranks as the largest medical school in Missouri and the 14th largest in the United States.

Mission Statement
Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences is a community of professionals committed to excellence in the education of highly qualified students in osteopathic medicine, the biosciences, bioethics and the health professions. Through lifelong learning, research and service, KCU challenges faculty, staff, students and alumni to improve the well-being of the diverse community it serves. Our Core Values: Integrity, Compassion, Excellence, Collaboration, Intellectual Curiosity, Innovation, and Heritage.

Setting: Kansas City, MO; Urban
Joplin, MO campus open July 2017

Date Founded: 1916; Private

Accreditation
KCU-COM is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Institutional Affiliation
Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences
• Strickland Education Pavilion features an auditorium with easily accessible power strips and data jacks for computers, an anatomy laboratory with high-definition cameras and nearly two dozen flat-screen monitors, and a recently renovated osteopathic clinical skills laboratory.

**Residence**
Many KCU students take advantage of the close proximity of Century Towers, located directly across the street. A former teaching hospital, Century Towers now houses 224 one- and two-bedroom apartments with amenities designed specifically for KCU students, including a library, 24-hour fitness facility, secure parking and abundant Internet access. The building’s first three floors are occupied by offices, including the city’s fire, police, dispatch and emergency-preparedness departments.

**Application Information**

*Primary application service: AACOMAS*
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**Earliest filing date:** Opening date of AACOMAS
**Latest filing date:** 3/1/2017

For best consideration, applicants should submit their AACOMAS application by 9/15/2016.

**Academic year/orientation for first-year students start date:** 7/24/2017 KCU-KC Campus
**7/17/2017 KCU-Joplin Campus (tentative date)**

**International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents considered):** Requirements can be found on our website: www.kcumb.edu/admissions/international-students/. Students who are in pending status for permanent residency are not eligible for admissions to KCU.

**Supplemental Application**

*Supplemental application required: Yes*
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**Sent to:** Screened Applicants
**Supplemental Application Fee:** $50
**Fee waiver available:** Yes
**Waiver conditions, if offered:** AACOMAS waiver
**Supplemental app. earliest filing date:** 8/1/2016
**Supplemental app. latest filing date:** 3/1/2017

**Supplemental Application Requirements**

KCU requires two letters of recommendation from:

- Pre-med committee/advisor
- Physician (DO or MD)

While a letter from a pre-med committee/advisor is preferred, a letter from a science faculty member may be substituted. Supplemental application fee ($50) is waived if AACOMAS fee is waived.

**MCAT**

- **Oldest MCAT considered:** May 2014
- **Accept September 2016 MCAT scores:** Yes
- **Accept January 2017 MCAT scores:** Considered

**Additional Comments:** KCU-COM may accept January MCAT scores only under extenuating circumstances and if seats are still available.

**Send Letters of Recommendation by:**

- **Virtual Eval:** Yes
- **Interfolio:** Yes
- **Paper:** No; electronic submission

**Regular Acceptance Notice**

Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule:

- **Those accepted prior to November 15** will have until December 14
- **Those accepted between November 15 and January 14** will have 30 days
- **Those accepted between January 15 and May 14** will have 14 days
- **Those accepted after May 15** may be asked for an immediate deposit
- **Earliest acceptance date:** 9/15/2016
- **Latest acceptance date:** Until class is filled
- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** Normally 30 days
- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes

**Early Decision Program (EDP)**

KCU-COM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

**COM Interview Format**

KCU conducts partial blind interviews. Each applicant is scheduled for a 30 minute interview with one or two faculty/staff/alumni.

**First-Year Class Matriculants’ Selection Factors**

KCU-COM attracts the best and brightest students each year. Each admitted COM student reflects the diversity of accomplishments, talents, interests and background valued by KCU. They also demonstrate academic excellence. A bachelor’s degree and the MCAT are required for admission.

The admissions team evaluates applicants on a number of criteria, ranging from academic records and test scores to commitment toward osteopathic medicine, service, and leadership.

**First-Year Class Matriculants’ Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity:**

Percentages are based on self-reported data and therefore may not equal 100%.

- **American Indian or Alaska Native:** <1%
- **Asian:** 25%
- **Black or African American:** <1%
- **Hispanic/Latino:** 2%
- **Pacific Islander:** 0%
- **White:** 66%
- **Other/No Answer:** 5%

**First-Year Class Matriculants with:**

- **Science Majors:** 75%
- **Non-Science Majors:** 25%
- **Graduate degree(s):** 27%

**Premedical Coursework**

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**Tuition and Fees**


- **Resident tuition:** $43,288
- **Non-Resident tuition:** $43,288
- **Supplemental Application fee:** $50
- **Resident fees:** $225
- **Non-Resident fees:** $225
- **Health Insurance:** N/A

**Fees Include:**

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**Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs:** $24,974/yr

**Average 2014 graduate indebtedness:** $254,000

**Deposit**

Applicants should submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule above.

- **Amount of deposit to hold place in class:** $1,000
- **Deposit due:** AACOMAS traffic guidelines
- **Additional Deposit:** $1,000

**Applied to tuition:** Yes
**Deposit refundable:** No

**Financial Aid**

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 88%

- **Scholarships:** Yes
- **Average scholarship/grant:** $2,500