

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

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General Information

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.

COM Description

KCU welcomed its first students in 1916, which makes us one of the nation's founding colleges of osteopathic medicine. We have been on the forefront of health care ever since. We are constantly creating new programs such as the military medicine track, an MS in biomedical science, and specialized dual degrees. And we are continually renewing our commitment to research and our communities, most notably with our new campus in Joplin, Missouri. Our faculty are

esteemed healers and educators who care deeply about your in-class and out-of-class learning. Because of this, our students consistently place at prestigious residencies and perform among the nation's highest on national board examinations.

Campus setting:

Kansas City, MO - Urban setting

Joplin, MO - Rural setting

Year founded: 1916

Type: Private, non-profit

Accreditation: KCU-College of Osteopathic Medicine 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 - Kansas City Campus
- Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences - Joplin Campus

Facilities:

The Kansas City campus features 8 buildings, designed to provide modern facilities to promote student success. Notable buildings include:

- 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.
- The 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, including 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, and a student study lounge.
- 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.

Joplin Campus

The KCU-Joplin campus is located on the site of the former Mercy Hospital, which was constructed in 2012. The new campus is designed to address student learning in the 21st century, with key areas promoting active learning experiences. These include a 200-seat lecture hall, the anatomy lab, the osteopathic manipulative medicine lab, and an ambulance bay where students will learn how to handle mass trauma.

Student residence options:

Students in both Kansas City and Joplin have access to numerous options within each city, as on campus student housing is not available. The office of admissions can provide limited resources for incoming students.

2017-2018 Enrollment

- **Total medical school enrollment:** 1,207
- **Total male:** 616
- **Total female:** 439
- **First-year enrollment:** 432
- **First-year male:** 263
- **First-year female:** 168
- **Gender undisclosed:** 1
- **First-year in-state:** 70
- **First-year out-of-state:** 362
- **Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** 1,222

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.

Dual Degree / Concurrent Programs

DO/MA

Dual Degree DO/MA in Bioethics

DO/MBA

Dual Degree DO/MBA in Health Care Leadership

Preparatory Programs

MS in Biomedical Sciences

There is no bridge between the Masters Programs and COM, but an interview may be granted to enrolled students who meet certain criteria.

Special Programs

None offered

Application Information

- **Primary application service:** AACOMAS
- **Earliest application submission date:** Opening Date of AACOMAS (5/3/2018)
- **Primary application deadline:** 3/1/2019
- **Supplemental application deadline:** 3/29/2019
- **Submission timing for best consideration:**
AACOMAS Deadline: For best consideration, applicants should submit their AACOMAS application by 9/15/2018. For the supplemental application, KCU encourages you to submit as soon as possible.

Supplemental Deadline: KCU Supplemental Applications are due within 30 days of receipt. The latest completion date may be March 29, 2019.

Admissions Process

Applications received from AACOMAS are reviewed for supplemental application invitation. Invitations to complete the supplemental application will be sent out approximately 10 days after receipt of your verified AACOMAS application. Submitted supplemental applications, along with required letters of recommendation, are reviewed as received for on campus interviews. If invited to interview on campus, interviews are typically conducted September–March, depending on the application cycle.

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.

International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered:

Yes International applicants are encouraged to review requirements 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.

MCAT

- **Oldest MCAT considered:** May 2016
- **Accept September 2018 MCAT scores:** Yes
- **Accept January 2019 MCAT scores:** No

Accepted Sources for Letters of Recommendation

- AACOMAS
- Virtual Evals
- Interfolio
- Email

Interview Format

KCU conducts interviews on campus, either at the Kansas City or Joplin campus location, utilizing a variety of interview formats. The interview day includes a campus tour, curriculum overview, and time with current KCU students. Additional details are provided to applicants invited for an on campus interview.

Supplemental Application

- **Supplemental application required?** Yes
- **Earliest supplemental application submission date:** 6/15/2018
- **Supplemental application deadline:** 3/29/2019
- **Supplemental application requirements:**
KCU requires two letters of recommendation from a Pre-med committee/advisor and a 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.
- **Fee waiver available:** Yes
- **Waiver conditions:** If applicant has received a waiver from the AACOMAS application, KCU may waive the \$60 supplemental application fee.
- **Supplemental application sent to the following prospective students:** Screened applicants: 501 MCAT score 3.25 Science and cumulative GPA
- **Supplemental application fee:** \$60, non-refundable

Acceptances

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:** 9/15/2018
- **Latest acceptance date:** Varies; offers sent until class is full
- **Deferred entrance requests considered:** Yes
Deferment requests can be emailed to the admissions office and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- **Orientation / start date for first-year students:** 7/16/2019 (subject to change)

Early Decision Program

- **Early Decision Program (EDP) offered:** No

First-Year Class Matriculants

Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity

Matriculants from the 2016-2017 application cycle.

- **American Indian or Alaska Native:** 0%
- **Asian:** 26.6%
- **Black or African-American:** 1.4%
- **Hispanic/Latino:** 5.3%
- **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** <1%
- **White:** 54.2%
- **Multiple Races:** 4.4%
- **Undisclosed:** 7.9%

Majors of First-Year Class Matriculants

- **Science majors:** 71%
- **Non-Science majors:** 29%
- **Graduate degree(s):** 20%

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

Source: 2017–2018 tuition. Data subject to change.

Annual resident tuition:	\$45,658
Annual non-resident tuition:	\$45,658
Annual resident fees:	\$225
Annual non-resident fees:	\$225
Annual health insurance fee:	\$0

Fees Include:

Student Activities	×	Technology (not computer)	×
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Estimated annual room, board, books and living costs: \$27,700

Average 2017 graduate indebtedness: \$205,396

Deposit

See AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule.

Amount of deposit to hold place in class: \$1,000, non-refundable

Additional Deposit Amount: \$1,000

Deposit Applied to Tuition: Yes

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Website: www.kcumb.edu/admissions/financial-aid

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 81%

Scholarships: Yes

Average scholarship/grant: \$2,900

Premedical Coursework

Science Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
Anatomy		X		3
Biological Sciences (18 quarter hours)	X			12
Biochemistry (4.5 quarter hours)	X			3
Chemistry (19.5 quarter hours)	X			13
Immunology		X		3
Physics (12 quarter hours)	X			8
Non-Science				
Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
College English	X			6