Standard 10.9 in ACPE Standards 2016 describes the role of electives in the Curriculum Design, Delivery, and Oversight section as follows: “Time is reserved within the core curriculum for elective didactic and experiential education courses that permit exploration of and/or advanced study in areas of professional interest”.

UMKC pharmacy students must complete eight hours of electives during their P1 through P3 years. The elective requirement must be completed with grades of C- or higher before the student can proceed to the P4 APPE year. Students are encouraged to create a thoughtful plan for their electives that not only enhances their professional interests, but also fits with the demands of the required coursework. Students may also want to consider electives that allow them to complete an undergraduate degree or begin work towards a master’s degree. Students are encouraged to meet with their faculty advisor to develop a plan for elective coursework.

Students have a wide range of elective options and can chose from classes taught by the School of Pharmacy (SOP) faculty and classes taught by other units on the UMKC, MU or MSU campuses. A list of potential electives is available on the Pharm.D. Student section of the SOP website under Curriculum and Registration. Please note that this is a representative list only and students are referred to the respective university’s current catalog to ensure that the course of interest is available during their desired timeframe. This list includes:

- Elective courses taught by SOP faculty
- Courses taught by UMKC, MU or MSU faculty outside of the SOP.
- Specialized courses taught by entities outside of UMKC that are approved by the Curriculum Committee (e.g. PCCA Training Camp, APhA (previously Utah) School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies)

The UMKC Pharm.D. educational fees cover elective coursework completed at UMKC, MSU and MU during the fall and spring semesters.

- Please note that courses taught outside of the SOP can charge additional supplemental program and/or administrative course and educational fees that are the financial responsibility of the student.
- The costs for any elective taken at UMKC, MU or MSU during the summer are the full responsibility of the student.