

Dear Huaizhong, Huaiyu and Enid,

There are many great photographs about UMKC both on the website and on the internet in general, but they don't always explain very clearly what you are looking at. I'll include some photos of UMKC here and try to give some background for each photo. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you would like more information or photos of some particular aspect of UMKC, or perhaps even something that wasn't included but that you are curious about.

First, I have to include the photo that everyone shows when they share photos of UMKC:



This is the UMKC Quad, the courtyard dominated by Scofield Hall, the red-roofed building in the center of the photograph. The majority of Arts and Science students will attend classes in buildings very near Scofield and the Quad. International students have a great chance to meet and talk with the domestic students in this area, as ALI classes take place in the same buildings that the regular academic classes take place.

Here below is the Student Union, a building dedicated exclusively to students, student organizations and student activities. There are even classrooms that only students can reserve:



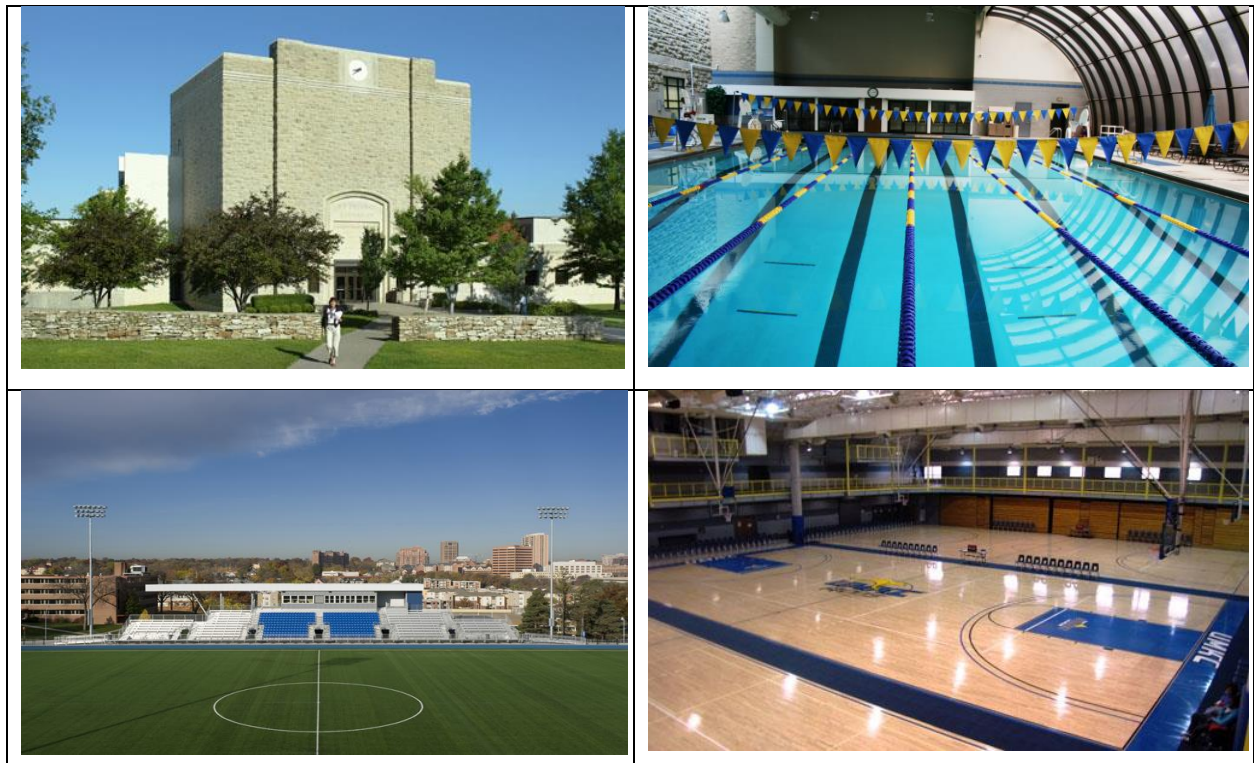
The Student Union houses the university bookstore, plus a coffee bar, a bakery, a recreation area, several student-oriented restaurants, and even a movie theater.



Here is the Student Union again, but now we are looking from the open terrace on the roof. Students meet here to study, drink a coffee, or just escape from classes for a quick break. If you look in the distance, you'll see that UMKC is located in the heart of the city. Kansas City is a modern city, but still small enough to be quiet, friendly and very relaxing for both visiting and living.



Here is the UMKC gym, called the Swinney recreation center. Picture 1 shows just the entrance building; the entire building is much more extensive. Indoor, the gym houses a running track, several badminton, basketball and volleyball courts, an indoor pool, weightlifting facilities, aerobics, and racquetball courts, while outside, the gym has a full soccer stadium, a recreational field, and a running/jogging track. UMKC students, including international students, have full, free access to all SRC facilities, including free rental of bicycles.



If you look at the upper right corner of the photo of the pool, you'll see the glass ceiling. When the weather is nice, the roof opens so that the “indoor” pool is open to the outdoors.



Here are a few photos of where students stay when they live on campus in the UMKC dormitories. The first photo is Oak Street Hall, the dormitory where summer-program students typically stay. It is central to campus, right next to the Student Union and within a ten-minute walk from the gym, most classrooms, and several local restaurants.



The dorm rooms are more like apartments than typical dorm rooms:





...and each dormitory building has many “common areas” – that is, areas for students to meet, socialize or study:



Huaizhong, Huaiyu and Enid, as I mentioned, if there are other aspects of UMKC that you would like to know about, just ask us and we can send that information and/or photos along to you.

Warm Regards,

Adam

