

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

The purpose of pre-professional programs is to provide students with the intellectual and academic backgrounds they will need before continuing their education in degrees not offered at Minnesota State Mankato. Acceptance to professional educational institutions is contingent upon academic performance, so students enrolling in pre-professional programs should be highly motivated and realize they are expected to maintain standards of excellence. Advisors play an important role in guiding the students enrolled in such programs so students are urged to contact the advisor before enrolling.

PRE-CHIROPRACTIC

College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Advisor: Jim Rife, Ph.D.

Required General Education (33 credits)

CMST 102	Public Speaking (3)
ENG 101	Composition (4)
MATH 112	College Algebra (4)*
MATH 113	Trigonometry (3)*
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychological Science (4)

An additional 15 elective credits from Humanities or Social Sciences

Recommended Support Courses (3 credits)

HLTH 321	Medical Terminology (3)
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Required for Major (Core, 34-35 credits)

BIOL 105	General Biology I (4)
BIOL 106	General Biology II (4)
CHEM 201	General Chemistry I (5)
CHEM 202	General Chemistry II (5)
PHYS 211	Principles of Physics I (4)
PHYS 212	Principles of Physics II (4) OR
HP 348	Structural Kinesiology and Biomechanics (3)

Required Electives (16 credits)

A minimum of 90 hours are required to complete this program. The student should consult with the pre-chiropractic advisor in selecting the remaining 20 elective credits.

*There are no requirements for mathematics in this program; however, the student needs prerequisites in mathematics to take the courses in chemistry and physics.

This program meets the requirements for admission to most chiropractic schools. Students in the pre-chiropractic program should regularly consult with the pre-chiropractic advisor, since admissions requirements are subject to change.

PRE-DENTAL

College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Advisory Team: M. Bentley, Ph.D., (for biology majors)
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Specific course requirements for admission to dental school vary somewhat among the different dental schools in the United States. To be eligible for admission at a particular dental school, the student must fulfill the requirements of that school. Students are encouraged to keep themselves apprised of requirements for specific schools by consulting appropriate websites.

* The following list of courses is consistent with the courses required for admission to the University of Minnesota Dental School.

English. ENG 101, CMST 100 and an additional 4 credits of writing intensive course work in English. (Students are encouraged to take ENG 271W and PHIL 222W as electives)

Biology. BIOL 105, BIOL 106 - students are encouraged to take additional electives from the following list to enhance their knowledge in basic biology: BIOL 211, BIOL 220, BIOL 270, BIOL 316, BIOL 320, BIOL 330, BIOL 435, BIOL 475

Physics. PHYS 211, PHYS 212 or PHYS 221, PHYS 222

Chemistry. CHEM 201, CHEM 202, CHEM 331, CHEM 360. (Students are encouraged to take CHEM 305 as an elective).

Mathematics. MATH 112 and MATH 113 or MATH 115

Psychology. PSYC 101

Although a minimum of 87 semester credits are required for admission to the D.D.S. program at the University of Minnesota, most students enrolled have completed four or more years of college. To receive a baccalaureate degree from Minnesota State Mankato, the student must complete the requirements for general education, a major and possibly a minor. Dental schools look most favorably upon the academically well-rounded student who has a strong scholastic record and unique life experiences that engender a commitment to a career in dentistry. Students should pursue majors and minors in subjects of their own choosing, as dental schools accept applicants from all academic majors, provided admission prerequisites are met. Majoring in one of the sciences—biology, biochemistry, chemistry, physics etc.—has the advantage of incorporating many or all of the courses listed above. Furthermore, the technical language of dental school is derived primarily from the disciplines of biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics and psychology. Sciences must include both lecture and laboratory instruction. Courses in biology, chemistry, and physics may be considered outdated by dental schools if taken more than five years before the time of application. Elective courses should be selected to achieve as broad and liberal an education as possible. Students who plan to enter dental school must take the Dental Admission Test (DAT). Typically, students begin the application process to dental school during the summer following their junior year. For their application to be complete, they must report their DAT scores. **Consult the website of the American Dental Education Association for more information on the DAT and the application process.**

PRE-ENGINEERING

College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Advisor: CSET Advising Center

(choose one of the following options)

Minnesota State Mankato OPTION

These course guidelines are intended for those students who are uncertain of a specific engineering major, but plan to enter one of the Minnesota State Mankato engineering programs after their first academic year.

CMST 102	Public Speaking (3)
CHEM 201	General Chemistry I (5)
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics (3) OR
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics (3)
ENG 101	Composition (4)
MATH 121	Calculus I (4)
MATH 122	Calculus II (4)
PHYS 221	General Physics I (4)

Student should explore their primary engineering interests at Minnesota State Mankato by enrolling in an introductory engineering course, such as EE 106 (3), ME 101 (2), or CIVE 101 (2). In addition, they should discuss their interests with their Pre-Engineering advisor and department chairpersons.

TRANSFER OPTION

These course guidelines are intended for students who plan to begin at Minnesota State Mankato and later transfer to another college or university engineering program. Engineering fields and institutions differ in their requirements, and students should contact programs they wish to enter for guidance. Courses recommended below are “fairly” standard, but are not guaranteed to provide required preparation for any specific program. Students should discuss their plans with the CSET Advising Center AND particularly with the university (or universities) to which they plan to apply.

CHEM 201	General Chemistry I (5)
CMST 102	Public Speaking (3)
ENG 101	Composition (4)
ENG 271W	Technical Communications (4)
MATH 121	Calculus I (4)

MATH	122	Calculus II (4)
MATH	223	Calculus III (4)
PHYS	221	General Physics I (4)
PHYS	222	General Physics II (4)

PRE-LAW

Advisor: Dr. Kevin Parsneau, Ph.D.

A student's grade-point average and score on the Law School Admission Test are the primary factors on which law schools base their admission decisions. Law schools generally do not require a particular major field or any particular prescribed courses as prerequisites for admission. Most law schools merely require a bachelor's degree.

Students should select a major field which interests them to increase the likelihood of a high GPA, and to allow them to specialize in a field of law that most interests them. Even though no particular pre-law major is best for all students, there must be substantial academic content in the pre-law education. Students should supplement their major field by taking intellectually demanding courses that will develop broad educational foundations and mental skills required of the successful law student or lawyer: the ability to analyze, reason, read carefully, think abstractly, and speak and write precisely. Elective courses might include U.S. government, U.S. history, philosophy, economics, communication, accounting, statistics, corporate finance, constitutional law, jurisprudence, logic, political theory, and at least one course in English composition beyond the first year level.

Students should contact the pre-law advisor for more detailed assistance on the manner in which their particular needs and interests may best be shaped into a suitable pre-law program.

The Pre-Law Association, a student-sponsored organization, is available for the purpose of encouraging communication and interaction among pre-law students on campus.

PRE-MEDICINE

College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Advisory Team: M. Bentley, Ph.D., G. Goellner, Ph.D., Marilyn Hart, Ph.D., D. Toma, Ph.D. (for biology majors)
M. Pomije, Ph.D. (for chemistry and biochemistry majors)

Specific course requirements for admission to medical school vary somewhat among the different medical schools in the United States. To be eligible for admission at a particular medical school, the student must fulfill the requirements of that school. Students are encouraged to keep themselves informed of requirements for specific schools by consulting appropriate websites. A typical set of requirements are:

General Biology - (8 credits minimum)
BIOL 105 and BIOL 106

Students are encouraged to take additional electives from the following list to enhance their knowledge in basic biology:
BIOL 211, BIOL 220, BIOL 270, BIOL 316, BIOL 320, BIOL 330, BIOL 435, BIOL 474

Chemistry with laboratory (general, inorganic and organic chemistry, 14 credits minimum)
General chemistry: CHEM 201, CHEM 202
Organic chemistry: CHEM 322, plus CHEM 323
Biochemistry: CHEM 360
Students are encouraged to take CHEM 305 as an elective.

Physics with laboratory (8 credits minimum)
PHYS 211 and PHYS 212 **OR**
PHYS 221 and PHYS 222

Mathematics (introductory course in calculus and upper level statistics)
MATH 121 and HLTH 475

English or literature (one year)

ENG 101, and an additional 4 credits of writing intensive coursework in English. Students are encouraged to take ENG 271W as an elective.

Social and Behavior Sciences and Humanities - (18 credits minimum)

Students are encouraged to include PSYC 101, SOC 101 and PHIL 222W among these electives.

The completion of a baccalaureate degree is required for admittance to a medical school in most cases. Medical schools look most favorably upon the academically well-rounded student who has a strong scholastic record and unique life experiences that engender a commitment to a career in medicine. Students should pursue majors in subjects of their own choosing, as medical schools accept applicants from all academic majors, provided admission prerequisites are met. Majoring in one of the sciences—biology, biochemistry, chemistry, physics, etc.—has the advantage of incorporating many or all of the courses listed above. Furthermore, the technical language of medical science is derived primarily from the disciplines of biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and psychology. Students who plan to enter medical school must take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). Typically, students begin the application process to medical school during the summer following their junior year. For their application to be complete, they must report their MCAT scores. MCATs are offered on various dates throughout the year. Contact the website of the **American Association of Medical Colleges** for specifics. If you have questions, please contact your pre-medicine advisor.

PRE-MORTUARY SCIENCE

College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Advisor: Ken Adams

Required for Program

ACCT	200	Financial Accounting (3)
BIOL	220	Human Anatomy (4)
ENG	101	Composition (4)

BIOL	100	Our Natural World (4) OR
BIOL	105	General Biology I (4)

CHEM	100	Chemistry in Society (4) OR
CHEM	111	Chemistry of Life Process Part II (Organic & Biochemistry) (5) OR
CHEM	201	General Chemistry I (5)

STAT	154	Elementary Statistics (3) OR
PSYC	201	Statistics for Psychology (4)

SOC	101	Introduction to Sociology (3) OR
SOC	101W	Introduction to Sociology (3)

CMST	100	Fundamentals of Communication (3) OR
CMST	102	Public Speaking (3)

Recommended for Program

HLTH	101	Health & the Environment (3)
HLTH	321	Medical Terminology (3)

Additional electives to meet the 60 credit transfer requirement.

This program has been designed to meet the transfer requirements of the University of Minnesota's Mortuary Science Program. Completion of the MN Transfer Curriculum or the Associate of Arts Degree is recommended before students enroll in the Mortuary Science B.S. program. The transfer program requires a total of 60 semester credits completed while maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. The courses listed above are specified by the University of Minnesota; additional courses should be selected with the help of an advisor.

The American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) accredits Mortuary Science Programs throughout the United States. Accredited programs are found on their Website: www.abfse.org. Students interested in Mortuary Science are strongly encouraged to consult the Website to locate programs in their geographic area of interest and then to consult with an advisor at that institution in their first year.

PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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The Pre-Occupational Therapy curriculum is a natural and social science-oriented curriculum which meets the standard requirements for admission to most occupational therapy programs. The majority of schools require a Bachelor's degree prior to application for admission, although some still accept students following two or three years of college preparation. It is important that students check requirements for their professional school of choice as some require classes in addition to those contained in this concentration. Most programs also require that the student take the Graduate Record Examination and score at a certain level.

Pre-Occupational Therapy Concentration Courses at Minnesota State Mankato

BIOL	220	Human Anatomy (4)
BIOL	330	Principles of Human Physiology (4)
STAT	154	Statistics (3)
CHEM	106	Chemistry of Life Process Part I (General) (3) OR
CHEM	111	Chemistry of Life Process Part II (Organic & Biochemistry) (5)
PSYC	101	Introduction to Psychological Science (4)
PSYC	433	Child Psychology (4) AND
PSYC	436	Adolescent Psychology (4) OR
KSP	235	Human Development (3)
PSYC	455	Abnormal Psychology (4)
SOC	101	Introduction to Sociology (3)
HLTH	321	Medical Terminology (3)
HP	265	Orientation to Occupational and Physical Therapy (2)

TOTAL: 32-39 credits

AOTA Website for Accredited OT Programs: <http://www.aota.org/Educate/Schools/EntryLevelOT/38119.aspx>

*Be sure to check the specific pre-requisite courses of programs you plan to apply to and tailor the above list to meet those requirements.

Majors to Consider with Occupational Therapy Concentration:

Exercise Science
Health Science: Community Health
Psychology
Child Development and Family Studies
Biology

*Graduate programs generally do not specify what undergraduate major must be completed. They are concerned about your performance within the major (including GPA) and that you have successfully completed all pre-requisite coursework.

PRE-OPTOMETRY

College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Advisor: Mike Lusch, Ph.D.

The following courses satisfy requirements for admission to most colleges and schools of optometry. By the end of their first year at Minnesota State Mankato however, students should check the specific requirements of the college or school of optometry they plan to attend to ascertain exactly what is required for admission. Completion of a bachelor's degree may be needed to be admitted to optometry schools and colleges.

BIOL	220	Human Anatomy (4)
BIOL	270	Microbiology (4)
BIOL	330	Principles of Human Physiology (4)
CHEM	201	General Chemistry I (5)
CHEM	202	General Chemistry II (5)
CHEM	360	Principles of Biochemistry (4)
ENG	101	Composition (4)
ENG	271W	Technical Communication (4)
MATH	112	College Algebra (4) AND
MATH	113	Trigonometry (3) OR
MATH	115	Precalculus Mathematics (4)
MATH	121	Calculus I (4)
PHYS	211	Principles of Physics I (4)
PHYS	212	Principles of Physics II (4)
PSYC	101	Introduction to Psychological Science (4)
STAT	154	Elementary Statistics (3)

PRE-OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY

College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Advisor: Jim Rife, Ph.D.

Required General Education (12-15 credits)

ENG	101	Composition (4)
ENG	201W	Intermediate Writing (4)
MATH	112	College Algebra (4) AND
MATH	113	Trigonometry (3) OR
MATH	115	Pre-Calculus (4)

Required for Major (34 credits)

BIOL	105	General Biology I (4)
BIOL	106	General Biology II (4)
CHEM	201	General Chemistry I (5)
CHEM	202	General Chemistry II (5)
CHEM	321	Organic Chemistry II (3)
CHEM	331	Organic Chemistry II Lab (1)
PHYS	211	Principles of Physics I (4)
PHYS	212	Principles of Physics II (4)

Required Electives (40-43 credits)

Electives to yield a total of 90 semester credits are required.

Colleges of osteopathic medicine and surgery require a minimum of 90 semester hours for admission. Students admitted to a college of osteopathic medicine and surgery have completed undergraduate degrees. Students interested in osteopathic medicine will find that majoring in Biomedical Sciences (BS), or Biochemistry (BA or BS) will provide them with appropriate undergraduate training. The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) is required for all applicants to colleges of osteopathic medicine and surgery. Since admissions requirements vary, students should consult the advisor.

PRE-PHARMACY

College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Advising Team: T. Salerno, Ph.D. (for biochemistry majors)

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The majority of students admitted to a college of pharmacy have completed an undergraduate degree. Students interested in pharmacy often major in Biomedical Sciences (BS), Biochemistry (BA or BS), or Chemistry (BA or BS) because these majors include many of the same courses that are required prerequisites to pharmacy programs. The pre-pharmacy curriculum is designed to meet the prerequisites for admission to many pre-pharmacy schools, however the curriculum is not all inclusive as prerequisites vary between colleges of pharmacy. Therefore, requirements for particular pharmacy schools still need to be taken into consideration before substitutions for these courses are made. The Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) is required for all applicants to colleges of pharmacy.

Required for Program

BIOL	105	General Biology I (4)
BIOL	220	Human Anatomy (4)
BIOL	270	Microbiology (4)
BIOL	330	Principles of Human Physiology (4)
CHEM	201	General Chemistry I (5)
CHEM	202	General Chemistry II (5)
CHEM	360	Principles of Biochemistry (4) OR
BIOL	211	Genetics (4) OR
BIOL	320	Cell Biology (4) OR
BIOL	479	Molecular Biology (4)
CMST	102	Public Speaking (3) OR
CMST	101W	Interpersonal Communications (4)
ECON	202	Principles of Microeconomics (3)
ENG	201W	Intermediate Writing (4) OR
ENG	271W	Technical Communication (4) OR
ENG	301W	Advanced Writing (4)
MATH	121	Calculus I (4)
PHYS	221	General Physics I (4) OR
PHYS	211	Principles of Physics I (4) AND
PHYS	212	Principles of Physics II (4)
PSYC	101	Introduction to Psychological Science (4)
STAT	154	Elementary Statistics (3) OR
STAT	354	Concepts of Probability & Statistics (3) OR
MATH	354	Concepts of Probability & Statistics (3)

Sixty to 64 credits of coursework including the above are typically required by pharmacy programs. Substitutions for both science and non-science courses should be chosen after studying the requirements of particular pharmacy schools. Please contact a pre-pharmacy advisor.

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The Pre-Physical Therapy curriculum is primarily a science-oriented curriculum which meets the standard requirements for admission to most physical therapy programs. The majority of schools require a Bachelor's degree prior to application for admission, although some still accept students following two or three years of college preparation. It is important that students check requirements for their professional school of choice as some require classes in addition to those contained in this concentration. Most programs also require that the student take the Graduate Record Examination and score at a certain level.

Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration Courses at Minnesota State Mankato

BIOL	105	General Biology I (4)
BIOL	106	General Biology II (4)
BIOL	220	Human Anatomy (4)

BIOL	330	Principles of Human Physiology (4)
PHYS	211	Principles of Physics I (4)
PHYS	212	Principles of Physics II (4)
MATH	112	College Algebra (4) AND
MATH	113	Trigonometry (3) OR
MATH	115	Precalculus Mathematics (4)
(Must meet PHYS 211 math requirement (4-8))		
STAT	154	Statistics (3)
CHEM	201	General Chemistry I (5)
CHEM	202	General Chemistry II (5)
PSYC	101	Introduction to Psychological Science (4)
PSYC	433	Child Psychology AND
PSYC	436	Adolescent Psychology OR
KSP	235	Human Development (3)
PSYC	455	Abnormal Psychology (4)
SOC	101	Introduction to Sociology (3)
(Recommendation only; see graduate program requirements)		
HLTH	321	Medical Terminology (3)
(Recommendation only; see graduate program requirements)		
HP	265	Orientation to Occupational and Physical Therapy (2)

TOTAL: 53-68 credits

AOTA Website for Accredited Physical Therapy Programs:

<http://www.apta.org/ProspectiveStudents/>

*Be sure to check the specific pre-requisite courses of programs you plan to apply to and tailor the above list to meet those requirements.

Majors to Consider with Physical Therapy Concentration:

Exercise Science

Athletic Training

Biology

Health Science: Community Health

*Graduate programs generally do not specify what undergraduate major must be completed. They are concerned about your performance within the major (including GPA) and that you have successfully completed all pre-requisite coursework.

PRE-PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY

College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Advisor: Jim Rife, Ph.D.

The minimum requirements for admission to a college of podiatric medicine and surgery are the same as for osteopathic medicine and surgery. A minimum of 90 semester hours are required for admission; however, most students admitted to a college of podiatric medicine and surgery have completed undergraduate degrees. Students interested in podiatric medicine will find that majoring in Biomedical Sciences (BS), or Biochemistry (BA or BS) will provide them with appropriate undergraduate training. The Medical College Admissions Test is required for all applicants to colleges of podiatric medicine and surgery. Students in this program should regularly consult with the advisor.

Required General Education (78 credits)

ENG	101	Composition (4)
ENG	201W	Intermediate Writing (4)

Recommended Support Courses (4-7 credits)*

MATH	112	College Algebra (4) AND
MATH	113	Trigonometry (3) OR
MATH	115	Precalculus Mathematics (4)

Required for Major (35 credits)

BIOL	105	General Biology I (4)
BIOL	106	General Biology II (4)
CHEM	201	General Chemistry I (5)
CHEM	202	General Chemistry II (5)
CHEM	320	Organic Chemistry I (5)
CHEM	331	Organic Chemistry II Lab (1)

PHYS 211 Principles of Physics I (4)
PHYS 212 Principles of Physics II (4)

Required Electives (40-43 credits)

Electives to yield a total of 90 semester credits are required.

* There are no requirements for MATH in this program; however, the student needs prerequisites in math to take courses in chemistry and physics.

PRE-VETERINARY MEDICINE

College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Advisor: P. Knoblich D.V.M., Ph.D.

Specific course requirements for admission to veterinary schools vary somewhat. The following requirements are designed for application to the University of Minnesota Veterinary School. Students should use these requirements as a general guide and check specific requirements for other Veterinary Schools.

Required for Major (Core, 49-53 credits)

ENG 101 Composition (4)

Plus: one additional course, such as speech, literature, advanced writing, technical writing, etc.

BIOL 105 General Biology I (4)
BIOL 106 General Biology II (4)
BIOL 211 Genetics (4)
BIOL 270 Microbiology (4)
CHEM 201 General Chemistry I (5)
CHEM 202 General Chemistry II (5)
CHEM 322 Organic Chemistry I (4)
CHEM 323 Supplemental Organic Functional Group Chemistry (1)
CHEM 360 Principles of Biochemistry (4)
PHYS 211 Principles of Physics I (4)
PHYS 212 Principles of Physics II (4)

(choose one of the following options)

MATH 112 College Algebra (4) **AND**
MATH 113 Trigonometry (3)* **OR**
MATH 115 Precalculus Mathematics (4) **OR**
MATH 121 Calculus I (4)

*Although the University of Minnesota specifically requires only MATH 112, Minnesota State Mankato PHYS 111 requires either both MATH 112 AND MATH 113, or MATH 115 or higher as prerequisites.

Required Electives (12-16 credits)

2 History and Social Sciences (6-8 credits)

2 Arts and Humanities (6-8 credits)

Organic chemistry: CHEM 322, plus CHEM 323

Recommended Electives

BIOL 220 Human Anatomy (4) **AND**
BIOL 330 Principles of Human Physiology (4) **OR**
BIOL 431 Comparative Animal Physiology (3)

Graduate Record Exam (GRE) must be taken.

Students are strongly encouraged to declare a major and work toward a Bachelor's degree while completing the pre-veterinary coursework. Because of the extensive overlap of required courses with major's courses, student commonly major in one of the biology or chemistry options.