# Pre-Optometry Advising

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| **Area A – Essential Skills** | ENGL 1101 *and* ENGL 1102 (English Comp I & II)  
MATH 1113 (Pre-Calculus) |
| **Area B – Institutional Option** | ITEC 1001 (Introduction to Computing) |
| **Area C – Humanities/Arts** | MUSC 1100 (Music Appreciation) *or* ARTS 1100 (Art Appreciation)  
FILM 1005 (Intro to Film) *or* ENGL 2110 (World Literature) *or* ENGL 2100 (Trans-Atlantic English Literature)  
RELN 1100 (World Religions) *or* GEOG 1101 (Human Geography) *or* one semester of foreign language |
| **Area D – Science, Mathematics, and Technology** | CHEM 1211K *and* CHEM 1212K (Principles of Chemistry I & II w/Lab)  
ITEC 2110 (Digital Media) *or* ITEC 2120 (Introduction to Programming)  
ITEC 2130 (Web Technologies) |
| **Area E – Social Sciences** | HIST 2111 *or* HIST 2112 (U.S. History I & II)  
HIST 1111 *or* HIST 1112 (World History I & II) *or* HIST 1121 *or* HIST 1122  
(Western Civilization I & II) *or* HIST 2111 *or* HIST 2112 (if not taken above)  
POLS 1101 (American Government)  
PSYC 1102 (The Psychological Experience) |

| Courses required for admissions to most optometry schools | BIOL 1107K *and* BIOL 1108K (Principles of Biology I & II w/Lab)  
PHYS 2211K and PHYS 2212K (Principles of Physics I & II w/Lab)  
CHEM 2211K (Organic Chemistry w/Lab)  
BCHM3100K (Biochemistry w/Lab)  
BIOL3300K (Introductory Microbiology w/lab)  
BIOL3400K (Cell Biology w/Lab)  
MATH 2000 (Statistics)  
MATH 2200 (Calculus I) |

| Recommended electives for admissions to most optometry schools | BIOL 2451K *and* BIOL 2452K (Anatomy and Physiology I and II w/Lab) |

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**Entrance exam requirements:**  **Optometry Admission Test**

The OAT measures general ability and comprehension of scientific information. All applicants are required to take the OAT no later than March 1 of the year they apply; however, it is strongly recommended that they take the test no later than the fall of the year they apply.

**What factors are considered in the admission process for optometry school students?**

1. The completion of the prerequisites for the program.
2. The overall GPA
3. OAT Entrance exam scores
4. Two letters of recommendation are required: one from a pre-optometry advisor/advisory committee or science professor, and one from an optometrist. Additional letters are welcome, but these two are required.

**Optometry Schools that accept Georgia residents:**

The Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, TN  
(There is no out-of-state tuition for GA residents.)