

Pre-Optometry Advising

Area	Courses
Area A – Essential Skills	ENGL 1101 <i>and</i> 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) <i>or</i> ARTS 1100 (Art Appreciation) FILM 1005 (Intro to Film) <i>or</i> ENGL 2110 (World Literature) <i>or</i> ENGL 2100 (Trans-Atlantic English Literature) RELN 1100 (World Religions) <i>or</i> GEOG 1101 (Human Geography) <i>or</i> one semester of foreign language
Area D – Science, Mathematics, and Technology	CHEM 1211K <i>and</i> CHEM 1212K (Principles of Chemistry I & II w/Lab) ITEC 2110 (Digital Media) <i>or</i> ITEC 2120 (Introduction to Programming)
Area E – Social Sciences	HIST 2111 <i>or</i> HIST 2112 (U.S. History I & II) HIST 1111 <i>or</i> HIST 1112 (World History I & II) <i>or</i> HIST 1121 <i>or</i> HIST 1122 (Western Civilization I & II) <i>or</i> HIST 2111 <i>or</i> 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 <i>and</i> BIOL 1108K (Principles of Biology I & II w/Lab) PHYS 2211K <i>and</i> PHYS 2212K <i>or</i> PHYS 1111K <i>and</i> PHYS 1112K (Physics) 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 <i>and</i> BIOL 2452K (Anatomy and Physiology I and II w/Lab)

Students are ***strongly advised*** to check with the program they plan to apply to for specific prerequisites.

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, but be sure to check with the school for the most updated requirements!

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:

1. The Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, TN <https://www.sco.edu/>
(There is no out-of-state tuition for GA residents.)
2. Kentucky College of Optometry <http://www.upike.edu/KYCO>