# 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) |
| **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 or PHYS 1111K and 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 and 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/](https://www.sco.edu/)  
(There is no out-of-state tuition for GA residents.)
2. Kentucky College of Optometry [http://www.upike.edu/KYCO](http://www.upike.edu/KYCO)