

General PreMed Guidelines

Medical Admissions committees want evidence that you will complete the program once admitted. Therefore, most medical schools have the following admission requirements:

Academic Ability

To demonstrate that you will be able to meet the rigorous, scientific demands of a medical school curriculum

Requirements (MCG @ AU[†]):

- A Bachelor's Degree (any major)
- AND Completion of the following classes:
 - 1 year of college* biology
 - 1 year physics
 - 1 year English
 - 1 semester probability or statistics
 - 1 year of college* chemistry
 - including 1 semester of organic and 1 semester of biochemistry

Recommended classes:

- psychology
- cell biology
- microbiology
- genetics
- quantitative analysis
- calculus

** this refers to courses taken in college, AP credits will not count*

† these are AU requirements, but are typical and sufficient for most medical schools

Note: It is also required that you do well in these classes.

2011 -2015 MCG Medical school classes: average GPA = 3.7; average science GPA = 3.65

Testing Ability

To demonstrate that you can take the kind of tests needed to pass the licensing boards

Requirements:

- Completion of the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)

The test has four sections: biological science, physical science (chemistry & physics), social science (psychology & sociology) and critical thinking.

A new version of the test was initiated in 2015 with a score range from 472 – 528. It was designed so that a score of 500 was acceptable for medical school. The average scores of entering medical students is about 510.

Personal Commitment

To demonstrate that you know what being a doctor entails and that you really want to make that your life

Requirements:

- medical experience—you have seen doctor's work and have been in a medical environment
Normally accomplished through shadowing or volunteering
- personal statement
- references

Must include: **premed advisor** or *premed committee* and a **physician** you have worked with

Other activities that can strengthen your application

Volunteer work—showing that you care enough to spend time helping people

Study Abroad/Mission work—showing your interest and knowledge of diverse populations

Officer in a student club—showing your leadership abilities

Research—showing that you know what it means to be a scientist

Required for entrance into an MD/PhD program

For up-to-date premed information at AU see: <http://spots.augusta.edu/smyers1/Premedical%20Information.htm>

One Way of Meeting the Academic Requirements:

Psychology Major at Augusta University

Courses Required for Medical School are in **bold**; Recommended courses for Medical School are in *italics*. Numbers in parenthesis indicate a long series of courses that must be taken in a particular order other classes may also have prerequisites, but the schedule, as given, accounts for this.

FRESH	FALL SEMESTER	HOURS
	BIOL 1107	4
	CHEM 1211 (1)	4
	ENGL 1101	3
	INQR 1000	1
	MATH 1113*	3
	15	

FRESH	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
	BIOL 1108	4
	CHEM 1212 (2)	4
	ENGL 1102	3
	<i>PSYC 1101</i>	3
	WELL Activity	1
	15	

SOPH	FALL SEMESTER	HOURS
	CHEM 3411 (3)	4
	PHYS 1111	4
	<i>ANTH 1102</i>	3
	COMM 1100	3
	Foreign Language*	3
	17	

SOPH	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
	<i>CHEM 3412 (4)</i>	4
	PHYS 1112	4
	POLS 1101	3
	MATH 2210	3
	Foreign Language*	3
	17	

JUNIOR	FALL SEMESTER	HOURS
	CHEM 4551 (5)	3
	PSYC 3190	3
	PSYC 3121	3
	PSYC 3183	3
	<i>SOCI 1101</i>	3
	15	

JUNIOR	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
	<i>BIOL 3200</i>	3
	PSYC 2150	3
	PSYC 3122	3
	PSYC 3143	3
	PSYC 4990	1
	WELL 1000	2
Take MCAT summer after Junior year	15	

SENIOR	FALL SEMESTER	HOURS
	BIOL 3400	3
	HIST 2112	3
	PSYC 3180	3
	PSYC 4180	3
	PSYC 4990	2
	WELL activity	1
	15	

SENIOR	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
	PHIL 2030	3
	PSYC 2101	3
	PSYC 3131	3
	PSYC 4165	3
	PSYC 4999	3
	15	