

PREOPTOMETRY
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A Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree is required to work as an optometrist. Most schools of optometry require three years (90 credits) of undergraduate work for admission. Some schools of optometry now require a bachelor degree prior to admittance. The Optometry Admissions Test (OAT) is also required for optometry school and needs to be taken at least a year in advance of applying. Each of the 17 optometry schools in the United States and Puerto Rico has slightly different requirements. The basic requirements for most schools are contained below in the suggested schedule. It is essential that the applicant obtain a catalog from the specific school or college of optometry where he or she plans to apply to see what changes are needed. The Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry has a Web site of information on all of the schools of optometry at www.opted.org.

First Year	Sem. Hrs. (Fall, Spring)
CHEM 121, 122	4, 4
ENG 111	0, 3
BIOL 121	4, 0
MATH 171, 201	5, 5
KINS 101	0, 2
BNEW 112, BOLD 101	2, 2
	Total 15, 16

Second Year	Sem. Hrs. (Fall, Spring)
BIOL 259	0, 4
CHEM 249*	4, 0
PHYS 201, 202	4, 4
MATH 200	3, 0
ENG 211	3, 0
PSY 201**	0, 3
Bible	2, 2
	Total 16, 13

Third Year	Sem. Hrs. (Fall, Spring)
BIOL 271, Biology or Chemistry Electives***	4, 4
Biology or Chemistry Electives***	4, 4
COMO 101	3, 0
Kinesiology Activity	1, 0
SOC 203	0, 3
ECON 201	0, 3
Bible	2, 2
	Total 14, 16

*Some schools require two semesters of organic chemistry.

**Many schools require two semesters of psychology.

***BIOL 249, BIOL 253 or CHEM 324 are required by some schools.

CHEM 121-122 College Chemistry
CHEM 249 Organic Chem
CHEM 324 Biochem I
BIOL 121 General Zoology
BIOL 249 Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL 259 Cell Biology
BIOL 271 Microbiology
BNEW 112 New Testament
BOLD 101 Old Testament
COMO 101 Speech Communication

ECON Macroeconomics
ENG 111 Composition I
ENG 211 Composition II
KINS 101 Wellness
MATH 171 College Alg & Trig
MATH 200 Elementary Statistics
MATH 201 Analytics & Calculus I
PHYS 201-202 General Physics
PSY 201 General Psych
SOC 203 General Sociology