

## Pre-Occupational Therapy Planning Guide

Prerequisite courses vary from school to school. It's very important that you check the websites of schools you want to apply to in order to make sure you're taking the courses they require. The courses in this table are a summary of the most common requirements.

| Course                                     | Options at UW–Madison  | Required by programs?   |
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| <b>General Chemistry</b>                   | Two options: (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemistry 103 (lecture + lab)</li> <li>Chemistry 108 (lecture + lab)</li> </ul>   | Some<br>(one semester is required for physiology)               |
| <b>Biology</b>                             | Three options: (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zoology 101 (lecture) and Zoology 102 (lab)</li> <li>Biology 151 (lecture + lab) and Biology 152 (lecture + lab)</li> <li>Biocore (4 semesters of lecture + lab)</li> </ul>   | Some<br>(introductory biology is a prerequisite for physiology) |
| <b>Anatomy</b>                             | Two required courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anatomy 328 (lecture)</li> <li>Anatomy 329 (lab)</li> </ul>   | Yes   |
| <b>Physiology</b>                          | Two options: (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physiology 335 (lecture + lab)</li> <li>Physiology 435 (lecture + lab)</li> </ul>   | Yes   |
| <b>Physics</b>                             | Four options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physics 103-104 (lecture + lab) (not based on calculus)</li> <li>Physics 207-208 (lecture + lab) (based on calculus)</li> <li>Physics 201-202 (lecture + lab) (for engineering students)</li> <li>EMA 201 and Physics 202 (lecture + lab) (for BME students)</li> </ul> | Some programs require one semester                              |
| <b>Statistics</b>                          | Three options: (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statistics 371 (lecture)</li> <li>Statistics 301 (lecture)</li> <li>Statistics in your major (e.g., Psychology 210)</li> </ul>  | Yes   |
| <b>Psychology</b>                          | Two required courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychology 202 (Introductory Psychology) or Psychology 281 (Honors)</li> <li>Psychology 509 (Abnormal Psychology)</li> </ul>  | Yes   |
| <b>Human Development</b>                   | Adult and Child Development may both be required, choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Development (HDFS 362 or Ed Psych 320) and Adult Development (HDFS 363, Ed Psych 321, or Psych 564)</li> <li>Human Development from Childhood Through Adolescence (Ed Psych 331)</li> </ul>                      | Yes   |
| <b>English, Literature, Communications</b> | Many options on campus   | Some programs require 3-6 credits                               |
| <b>Social Sciences</b>                     | Many options on campus   | Many programs require 3 credits                                 |
| <b>Medical Terminology</b>                 | Can be taken on campus (Classics 205), online, or off-campus   | Many programs   |

\* The MS in Occupational Therapy program at UW–Madison requires this course.

### Resources

#### Learning resources available on UW campus

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greater University Tutoring Services (GUTS)</li> <li>Peer Learning Association (PLA)</li> <li>Chemistry Learning Center (CLC)</li> <li>Physics Learning Center (PLC)</li> <li>Math Lab</li> <li>Statistics Lab</li> <li>Writing Center</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://guts.wisc.edu">http://guts.wisc.edu</a></li> <li><a href="https://win.wisc.edu/organization/pla">https://win.wisc.edu/organization/pla</a></li> <li><a href="https://www.chem.wisc.edu/areas/clc">https://www.chem.wisc.edu/areas/clc</a></li> <li><a href="https://www.physics.wisc.edu/plc">https://www.physics.wisc.edu/plc</a></li> <li><a href="https://www.math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/mathlab">https://www.math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/mathlab</a></li> <li><a href="https://www.stat.wisc.edu/courses/Tutorial_Schedule">https://www.stat.wisc.edu/courses/Tutorial_Schedule</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.writing.wisc.edu">http://www.writing.wisc.edu</a></li> </ul> |
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#### Professional organization

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Occupational Therapy Association</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.aota.org">http://www.aota.org</a></li> </ul> |
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