



Preparation for Physician Assistant School

Note- Acceptable science courses generally must be courses for science majors.

	Required or recommended	Clarification	Recommended BenU course(s)	Alternate BenU Course(s)
General Biology	One year (8-semester hours) required	A sequence of courses representing a full academic year curriculum, with associated lab(s).	BIOL 1197, 1198, 1199	
Anatomy*	One semester (3-4 semester hours) generally required	Most schools prefer sophomore level of higher with lab	BIOL 3203	BIOL 3216 & BIOL 3217*
Physiology*	One semester (3 hrs) recommended	Most schools prefer sophomore level of higher with lab	BIOL 3258	
Microbiology	One semester (3-4 semester hours) generally required	Most schools prefer sophomore level of higher with lab	BIOL 3208	
Genetics	Varies; One semester (3 hrs) sometimes required or strongly recommended	Should include Classical (Mendellian) and molecular genetics.	BIOL 1250	
General Chemistry	One year (8-semester hours) required	A sequence of courses representing a full academic year curriculum, with associated lab(s).	CHEM 1113 & 1114; CHEM 1123 & 1124	CHEM 1115; CHEM 1125
Biochemistry	recommended		CHEM 3261	CHEM 4361
Statistics	One semester (3 hrs) required or strongly recommended	Fundamental understanding of statistics required or strongly recommended	BIOL 2229	MATH 1150
English	One year (6-semester hours) required (most)	Specifics may vary, but one year is generally required, sometimes including distribution of writing and literature courses	WRIT 1101, 1102 COMM 1110	
Humanities and Soc. Sci	Select courses of interest that will demonstrate interest in a well-rounded education	Some schools recommend or require a course in Psychology, Communication (oral), Sociology, Ethics, or Anthropology. Consult individual schools for specific prereqs.	PSYC 1100 SOCL 1100	

*One-year Anatomy and Physiology sequence with lab may meet these requirements or are listed as required at many schools (sophomore level or higher; general Bio or Chem for science majors preferred)

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