



Stritch School of Medicine Office of Admissions

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SSOM Prerequisite Requirements

- 30 total BCPM semester credits according to AMCAS achieved in undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate course work
 - At least 8 of these credits must be in a chemistry-based discipline (examples are organic, inorganic, and physical chemistry). No AP credits will be accepted for these.
 - At least 3 of these credits must be in organic chemistry (separate from the 8 chemistry-based courses). No AP credits will be accepted for these.
 - At least 8 of these credits must be in a biology-based discipline (examples are physiology, cell biology, molecular biology, genetics, and biochemistry). No AP credits will be accepted for these.
 - At least 1 lab course in a biology-related discipline and 1 lab course in a chemistry-related discipline (note “course” rather than “credits” to reflect the varying ways lab courses are weighted).
 - The remaining credits may be any combination of courses in biology, chemistry, physics, or math. No more than 6 AP credits will be accepted toward the remaining total credit requirement.
- Applicants enrolled in advanced degree programs must expect to complete their degrees prior to matriculation.
- The applicant’s academic record should exhibit a continued interest in learning and an ability to successfully tackle intellectual challenges. Any undergraduate major can prepare students for the rigors of medical school. We strongly recommend, however, that a student’s undergraduate years include liberal arts and science courses, as a broad education will serve them well throughout their life. We also require that students possess basic computer skills, as much of their course work at the Stritch School of Medicine requires these basic skills.
- Due to the decision of many institutions to move to an online and/or Pass/Fail format during the COVID-19 crisis, SSOM will consider Pass/Fail courses, as well as prerequisites completed online, holistically in the context of the full application, for candidate coursework starting in the Spring of 2020. At institutions where moving to Pass/Fail was optional, course grades assessments in the A-C range are highly preferable, especially for pre-requisite and BCPM courses.
- Community college courses are accepted as fulfilling premedical requirements, but the committee strongly recommends at least 12 hours of science course work from a four-year university or graduate program.
- If enrolled full time and seeking an undergraduate degree, applicants must complete at least 75% of their premedical courses at the university from which the degree would be granted.
- Requests for exceptions to premedical course requirements must be submitted in writing for approval by the Executive Admissions Committee within 2 weeks of completing your interview. Requests should be submitted uploaded as an update to your application through your supplemental portal and titled, “Request for exception to premedical course requirements”.