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Articulation Office

PRE-Optometry Transfer Major Advisement

This guide sheet is based upon university course articulation and catalog information at the time of publication. **Note that students are responsible for the current major requirements upon transfer to the university or admission to a graduate program.** It is advisable to consult with a counselor once a semester for any changes that may occur. Please call (714) 628-4800 to schedule an appointment.

Programs in Optometry are designed to prepare people to examine eyes and to diagnose and treat conditions of the visual system. Graduates of four-year professional Optometry programs receive the Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree. After passing a state and/or national board exam, they become licensed Optometrists. Fifteen colleges and universities in the nation offer professional programs in Optometry. California programs are at UC Berkeley and at the Southern California College of Optometry in Fullerton.

Transfer Information- Admission is competitive; chances of being admitted may increase with additional pre-professional training. Most students enter after **four years of undergraduate study. Most schools require a bachelor's degree.** A student without a bachelor's degree must demonstrate exceptional high scholastic achievement, intellectual capacity, and motivation to be considered for admission. Applicants are required to take the Optometry College Admissions Test (OCAT). Letters of recommendation, a personal essay, an interview, and specific courses are required for admission. Requirements for admission to optometry schools vary.

University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

Doctor of Optometry is a four-year professional degree program that students **enter after receiving a bachelor's degree.** New students are accepted in the fall semester only, following completion of all pre-requisite courses listed below. The Optometry Admission Test (OAT) is mandatory for all applicants. Students desiring to enter the School of Optometry should arrange to take the OAT no later than the October before entrance; the following February date is too late for consideration. *For more information visit optometry.berkeley.edu/*

Students are advised to choose a transfer major that will incorporate the following classes into their planned curriculum.

BIOL 139 or 229, 211, 212, 239, 249
CHEM 219, 229, 249, 259
ENGL 101, 103
MATH 180, 185, 219
PHYS 210, 211
PSYC 100

Southern California College of Optometry Students are advised to choose a transfer major that will incorporate the following classes into their planned curriculum:

SCCO Requirement

English Composition *or* Literature (one semester)
General Psychology (one semester)
Statistics (one semester)
Calculus (one semester)
Anatomy (one semester)
Physiology (one semester)
Biochemistry-no lab required (one semester)
General Biology with labs (two semesters)
Microbiology with labs (one semester)
General Physics with labs (one semester)
General Chemistry with labs (one semester)
Organic Chemistry –no lab required (one semester)

SCC Course

ENGL 101, 103
PSYC 100
MATH 219
MATH 180
BIOL 239
BIOL 249

BIOL 211, 212
BIOL 139 or 229
PHYS 210, 211
CHEM 219, 229
CHEM 249

Students interested in the program should also contact the Southern California College of Optometry at (800) 829-9949 and visit their website at www.scco.edu