

Union University School of Pharmacy Admission & Prerequisite Coursework



Admission to the Union University School of Pharmacy is by committee action, based on the overall record and aptitude of the applicant. To be considered for admission to the school, applicants must be eligible for admission to Union University and complete all of Union University's pre-pharmacy requirements.

A grade-point average of 2.75 or greater on a 4.0 scale is required for pre-pharmacy coursework with a grade "C" or higher for each required pre-pharmacy course. The overall academic average for all courses completed must not be less than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

All candidates are required to take the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT). Three references must also be submitted. An on-site interview is required as a part of the admission process; a writing sample will be required as a part of the interview process. Interviews are conducted by invitation only. While there is a deadline of March 1 of the year in which admission is desired, applicants are encouraged to apply early, as space is limited, and applications will reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year until the class is filled. The School of Pharmacy admits only one class per year.

Admission to the School of Pharmacy requires the completion of pre-professional coursework, distributed as follows:

| Course | Semesters | Quarters |
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| *Biology or Zoology | 2 | 4 |
| *General Chemistry | 2 | 4 |
| *Organic Chemistry | 2 | 4 |
| *Human Anatomy and Physiology | 2 | 4 |
| *Physics I | 1 | 2 |
| *Microbiology | 1 | 2 |
| *Calculus | 1 | 2 |
| *Statistics | 1 | 2 |
| Written Composition | 2 | 4 |
| Communications/Speech | 1 | 2 |
| +Humanities Electives | 2 | 4 |
| +Social Sciences Electives | 2 | 4 |
| +General Electives | 1 | 2 |

Notes:

Courses that will increase the strength of the applicant's candidacy include biochemistry, immunology, genetics, and a second semester of physics. Not all introductory courses in the sciences, calculus, or statistics will be accepted in fulfillment of pre-pharmacy requirements.

*For all science, calculus or statistics courses, the prospective pharmacy student should take courses which are suitable for science majors intending graduate study and should include laboratories when available. The calculus course(s) should include both differential and integral calculus.

+Elective courses must conform to the following distribution and requirements:

Humanities Electives include courses from arts, history language, literature, or philosophy.

Social Sciences Electives include courses from anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, or sociology.

General Electives may be taken in any area(s) the student desires (Christian studies, sciences, mathematics, humanities or social sciences).

It is also strongly recommended that candidates for a Doctor of Pharmacy program gain work experience in a pharmaceutical setting prior to application.