

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). Although a composite score of 40th percentile with no individual subject area score below 25th percentile is required for admission, the average scores of Union University prepharmacy students have been approximately 80th percentile. 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 priority deadline of February 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 in the fall semester.

Admission to the School of Pharmacy requires the completion of a minimum of 90 hours of pre-professional coursework, distributed as follows:

Course	Semester Hours
Biology or Zoology I & II	8
General Chemistry I & II	8
Organic Chemistry I & II	8
Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II	8
Physics I	4
Biochemistry I & II	6
Microbiology	3
Immunology	3
Calculus	3
Statistics	3
Written Composition I & II	6
Communications/Speech	3
Humanities Electives	6
Social Sciences Electives	6
General Electives	15

Notes:

Not all introductory courses in the sciences, calculus, or statistics will be accepted in fulfillment of pre-pharmacy requirements. All science, calculus, or statistics courses the prospective pharmacy student takes should be courses which are suitable for science majors intending graduate study and must include laboratories. The calculus course(s) must include both differential and integral calculus. Two semesters of calculus-based physics is strongly recommended.

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.

Union University is in process with the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE - <http://www.acpe-accredit.org>), the national organization that accredits Doctor of Pharmacy programs offered by Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy in the United States and selected non-US sites. Likewise, the School of Pharmacy leadership team is in process with internal constituents for program approval. The Union University Board of Trustees and Greater Faculty have granted program approval; curricular approval by the Greater Faculty is in process.