



# Required Pre-Pharmacy Courses

## Course Transfer Sheet

### Columbia College

Pharmacy is a great career in high demand! Students complete the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program in four years in Kansas City, Columbia or Springfield following the Pre-Pharmacy courses.

Below are the Pre-Pharmacy courses approved to transfer from the [Columbia College](#). Admission to the Pharm.D. program is competitive with college grades, pharmacy knowledge, communication skills, and a formal interview being key determinants. A degree is not required for admission.

*Note: Courses listed below meet the UMKC pre-pharmacy course requirements for the Pharm.D. program. These courses do not necessarily reflect what other programs at UMKC consider towards a Bachelor's degree.*

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#### REQUIRED COURSES

English Composition I  
English Composition II  
Communication Studies  
U.S. Constitution or Bachelor's Degree

Calculus  
Statistics  
General Physics w/ lab

General Chemistry I w/ lab  
General Chemistry II w/lab  
General Biology I or Botany  
General Biology II or Zoology

#### COLUMBIA COLLEGE COURSES

ENGL 133  
ENGL 204  
COMM 110 or 203 or 230 or 313  
HIST 121 or HIST 122 or POSC 111

MATH 201 or MATH 215  
MATH 250 or BIOL 324  
PHYS 111/111L

CHEM 110/111L  
CHEM 112/112L  
BIOL 110  
BIOL 112 or BIOL 353

#### The courses below must be taken within five years prior to the fall start of the Pharm.D. program:

Organic Chemistry I w/lab                      CHEM 310/310L  
Organic Chemistry II w/lab                     CHEM 312/312L  
Microbiology w/lab                              BIOL 221/221L  
Medical Terminology                          BIOL 230  
Human Anatomy                                   BIOL 223  
Human Physiology or Cell Biology            BIOL 326 or BIOL 345

#### Optional – Successful completion of Biochemistry I & II may transfer into the Pharm.D. Curriculum

Pharmacy Biochemistry                        BIOL/CHEM 420 & 422

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- Please review your school's test credit policy regarding AP, IB, CLEP, etc.
  - Transfer sheets for other local schools: <https://pharmacy.umkc.edu/admissions/transfer-sheets.html>.
  - All courses should be complete with C- or higher before Fall entry into the Pharm.D program.

## Additional Notes for UMKC Pre-Pharmacy Prerequisite Courses

Please contact staff from the Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs (POSA) with any questions you have.

-Pharm.D. students are admitted to downtown Kansas City Health Sciences District or to the Mizzou campus in Columbia or to the Missouri State University Brick City campus.

-Online courses may count and the POSA staff know of several online options for courses. Grades of P, Cr &/or S (Pass, Credit &/or Satisfactory) from the Spring & Summer 2020 semesters will suffice.

-If you took a marked course that is older than five years, and you believe your knowledge of the course is current based on courses taken since then within five years of admission or through your current job responsibilities, you can petition the old course to count. Contact POSA to inquire about the process and documentation needed.

-Courses that may transfer from foreign institutions: Physics with lab, Calculus, Statistics, General Chemistry 1 & 2 with labs, Organic Chemistry 1, or General Biology 1 & 2. All remaining courses must be completed from a regionally accredited college or university inside of the USA.

English Composition 1 & 2: Six hours are required. If a student takes an advanced composition course, or tests into Eng Comp 2, the student can take an additional writing course where 5,000 words or 20 written pages (usually noted as a 'Writing Intensive' course). Eng Comp 1 may be completed by earning a minimum required score on the AP Eng Language & Composition (minimum score requirements vary by institution). AP Eng Literature & Composition will not count.

Communication Studies Interpersonal communication, public speaking or small group dynamics are great examples.

U.S. Constitution complete by U.S. History 1 or 2, American Government, or a Bachelor's degree from U.S. school.

Physics with lab should be a college-level, trig based Physics course with lab.

Calculus can be complete by Business Calculus or Calculus w/ Analytical Geometry.

Statistics May be complete with an introduction to statistics or biostatistics course.

Organic Chemistry 1 & 2 with labs can be complete by six hours of Organic Chemistry lecture and two hours of lab. Some schools offer one 2.0 credit hour lab while others offer two 1.0 credit hour labs. Either is fine.

General Biology 1 & 2 may be complete by any two of the following courses: general biology 1, general biology 2, zoology, botany, genetics, cell biology, or human physiology. Labs are not required. Essentials of Biology or Biology for Non-majors do not count.

Microbiology with lab may be complete by a sophomore-level Microbiology course for future health professionals. Environmental Microbiology lecture & lab will not count.

Medical Terminology only one hour required. UMKC offers an online 1.0 hour course each semester.

\*Human Anatomy may be complete by a human anatomy lecture. Vertebrate or comparative anatomy will not count.

\*Human Physiology or Cell Biology applicants entering the Pharm.D. program in 2025 or 2026 may take either Human Physiology (preferred) or a sophomore level Cell Biology course. Labs not required. Students entering 2027 or after must take Human Physiology.

\*Anatomy & Physiology a six-hour A&P sequence will complete both Anatomy & Physiology requirements.

Biochemistry 1 & 2 are not required for entry and may be complete by two semesters of general biochemistry 1 & 2. Students who take introduction to biochemistry or biochemistry 1 and are looking for Biochem 2, the POSA knows of online options. Labs are not required. A 4.0 credit Biochemistry with lab course will not count. Students who complete an approved biochemistry 1 & 2 sequence may not have to take Pharmacy Biochemistry in their first semester of the Pharm.D. curriculum.