

PRE-OPTOMETRY TRACK REQUIREMENTS

TOTAL HOURS 55-56

All courses listed on the pre-optometry track should be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

The pre-optometry track is **not** a major but outlines the recommended coursework required to meet admissions requirements for most Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) programs in the United States. Any student who wishes to obtain a bachelor’s degree from Florida Southern College while on the pre-optometry track must simultaneously declare a bachelor’s degree program. Non-degree seeking students are limited to a maximum of 39 credits attempted before they are required to declare a major and work towards a degree. Students on the pre-optometry track may declare any undergraduate major as professional schools do not require or prefer specific bachelor’s degrees. Although accepted by Florida Southern College to satisfy undergraduate degree requirements, some professional schools will not accept AP/IB/AICE/CAPE credits. **Admissions requirements to individual optometry schools may vary; students are responsible for verifying admissions information for their respective programs of interest.**

Many of the courses below will fulfill general education or major-specific coursework, depending on the selected major. Students are encouraged to review the coursework below with their academic advisor.

	Earned	Needed
BIO 1500 Biology I: Biological Essentials	_____	_____
BIO 1600 Biology II: Biological Diversity	_____	_____
BIO 2215 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	_____	_____
BIO 2216 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	_____	_____
BIO 3710 Microbiology	_____	_____
CHE 1111 Principles of Chemistry I	_____	_____
CHE 1112 Principles of Chemistry II	_____	_____
CHE 2231 Organic Chemistry I	_____	_____
CHE 2251 Organic Chemistry I lab	_____	_____
One 3000 level courses in biochemistry: BIO/CHE _____	_____	_____
One 2000 level course in statistics: MAT _____	_____	_____
MAT 2311 Calculus I	_____	_____
PSY 1106 Psychology and the Social World	_____	_____
Two English or writing courses:		
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Additional Recommended Electives

The following courses should be taken based on individual program admission requirements, student interest, course availability, and schedule flexibility.

General Elective Courses

- PHP 3988/3989 Professional Shadowing
- ENG 3219 Persuasive Writing (QI, EC-C)
- PHI 2204 Ethics (MV, QI)
- SOC 1100 Intro to Sociology (SW, MV)

Science Courses

- BIO 3700 Genetics
- BIO 3800 Cell Biology
- BIO 4300 Immunology
- PHY 2010/2110 Physics I
- PHY 2020/2120 Physics II
- CHE 2232 Organic Chemistry II
- CHE 2252/4 Organic Chemistry II lab

Extracurricular Experiences

Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) programs require more than the completion of prerequisites to be competitive for admission. Participation in meaningful healthcare and community service experiences, among other extracurricular activities, are highly recommended or required. Students should plan to meet with a member of the Health Professions & STEM Career Development Center or the Health Professions Advisory Committee (HPAC) to ensure they are building a holistically competitive profile in and out of the classroom.

Pre-Professional Program (P3)

All students on the pre-optometry track are encouraged to apply for the FSC Pre-Professional Program (P3). Although any FSC student may pursue a pre-health track, only the most competitive students will be accepted into P3. Students who complete the Pre-Professional Program may request a committee letter of evaluation to be included with their application to professional school, earn a designation on their transcript and a distinctive honor cord, have access to exclusive shadowing experiences, and are able to participate in special P3-only opportunities and events. For more information visit: www.flsouthern.edu/p3.