

This guide offers a recommended course sequence for students preparing for PT school. The courses listed indicate only the **MINIMUM requirements** for many PT schools and is **not designed for any specific major**. Students who plan to apply for PT school bear the ultimate responsibility of determining specific coursework required for their application and must fulfill the requirements for their degree and major in order to graduate.

FRESHMAN	
FALL	SPRING
BIO 1305 & 1105-Modern Concepts of Bioscience & Lab	BIO 1306 & 1106-Modern Concepts of Bioscience & Lab
MTH 1320-Precalculus or higher ¹	PSY 1305 (any semester)

¹ Many PT schools require College Algebra or higher to fulfil Math requirement. Students should work with their academic advisor to take course appropriate for degree and major.

SOPHOMORE	
FALL	SPRING
CHE 1301 & 1101-Basic Principles of Modern Chem I & Lab	CHE 1302 & 1102-Basic Principles of Modern Chem II & Lab
Statistics: 3 semester hours ² (any semester)	Abnormal (PSY 3321 or 3330) or Developmental (PSY 3341 or 3350): 3 hours
CLA 3381: Medical Terminology (any semester)	

² STA 1380, 2381, 3381, PSY 2402, and SOC 3402 are accepted by most schools. Students should confirm the appropriate Statistics course with their academic advisor, as some majors require a specific course.

JUNIOR	
FALL	SPRING
BIO 2401-Human Anatomy & Physiology of Motion & Innervation -or- BIO 3322 & 3122-Human Physiology and Lab ³	BIO 2402-Human Anatomy & Physiology of Metabolism & Processing -or- BIO 4432-General Human Anatomy ³
PHY 1408-General Physics for Natural & Behavioral Physics I -or- 1420 General Physics I	PHY 1409-General Physics for Natural & Behavioral Physics II -or- 1430 General Physics II

³ Some PT schools accept BIO 2401 & 2402, while others require courses to count toward requirements for a science major (BIO 3322/3122 & 4432). Students should take the course appropriate for their major and confirm requirements with PT schools.

SENIOR	
FALL	SPRING
Complete Degree Requirements	Complete Degree Requirements & Graduate

Note: Adjustments can be made to the course sequence, but students are encouraged to discuss such adjustments with the appropriate advisor ahead of time

Additional recommended courses: Speech and Communication courses (CSS 1301, 1302 or 3311), Technical or Professional Writing (PWR 3300), Kinesiology (HP 2306), and Biomechanics (HP 2307)

Connect with other Pre-PT students by joining [Student Physical and Occupational Therapy Association \(SPOTA\)](https://www.spota.org/).

Important Websites:

[tpta.org](https://www.tpta.org/)

[apta.org](https://www.apta.org/)

[PTCAS](https://www.ptcas.org/)

Additional Information for Pre-PT students:

Choosing a major: PT schools do not prefer/require any specific major. Students should choose a major that interests them, and in which they can earn strong grades. There is no “best” major or minor.

Grades: Most PT schools require a grade of C or higher in all prerequisite coursework.

AP Credit: Not all PT schools accept AP credit for prerequisite courses. Students should work with their academic advisor to determine their best options for their degree and major.

Pass/Fail Credit: Most PT schools do not accept Pass/Fail grades for prerequisite courses. Some exceptions were made for courses completed in Spring 2020 through Fall 2021, which varies by school.

Online Coursework: Some PT schools accept credit for online prerequisite courses, while others do not. Students are encouraged to take all their Biology, Chemistry, and Physics courses in-person at Baylor University.

Science coursework: Some PT schools require prerequisite coursework to count toward a degree in a science major.

Courses offered through the Office of Prehealth Studies: The Office of Prehealth studies offers several courses beneficial to student preparation for professional school:

- **PHP 1106:** Introduction to the Health Professions – Any student interested in a health professions career is welcome to take this course in any semester, though it is a New Student Experience course each Fall.
- **PHP 2105:** Prehealth Professional Development – Sophomore-level course focusing on professionalism within healthcare including appropriate personal attributes and expectations, integrity, interpersonal communication, and self-appraisal. Credit for PHP 1105 or PHP 1106 required.
- **STL 1102:** Prehealth First Generation Success – Specifically for first-generation college students, recommended during Freshman year. Priority will be given to Hallie Earle Scholars.

GRE: Graduate Record Examination, required by most DPT programs for admission.

Pre-PT qualification: Students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA to remain designated as Pre-PT at Baylor.

Podcast: We recommend checking out our **Prehealth Particulars** podcast on our website at baylor.edu/prehealth or on Apple Podcasts.