

**Standard University Scholars Thesis Track\***

Students who follow this track will complete their thesis during their senior year, possibly after submitting Medical School applications.

<b>FRESHMAN</b>			
<b>FALL</b>		<b>SPRING</b>	
<i>Pre-Medical</i>	<i>UNSC / Honors</i>	<i>Pre-Medical</i>	<i>UNSC / Honors</i>
BIO 1305 & 1105 - Modern Concepts of Bioscience & Lab or BIO 1405	First Year Seminar and/or Honors BIO / CHE GTX 2301-UNSC	BIO 1306 & 1106 - Modern Concepts of Bioscience & Lab or BIO 1406	GTX 2302-UNSC Lower-level Unit
CHE 1301 & 1101 -Basic Principles of Modern Chem I & Lab		CHE 1302 & 1102 - Basic Principles of Modern Chem II & Lab	
MTH 1321-Calculus I		STA 2381-Intro Statistical Methods, or other accepted statistics class <sup>2</sup>	
PHP 1105-Foundations of Medicine <sup>1</sup>		PHP 2105-Prehealth Professional Development	

<b>SOPHOMORE</b>			
<b>FALL</b>		<b>SPRING</b>	
<i>Pre-Medical</i>	<i>UNSC / Honors</i>	<i>Pre-Medical</i>	<i>UNSC / Honors</i>
BIO 2306-Genetics or other advanced BIO <sup>3</sup>	UNSC 3301 (fall/spring)	BIO-Advanced-level BIO (BIO 3342 for CMB) <sup>3</sup>	HON 3200 (fall/spring)
CHE 3331-Organic Chemistry I	Lower-Level Unit	CHE 3332-Organic Chemistry II	Lower-Level Unit
PSY 1305 (any semester prior to MCAT)		CHE 3238-Organic Chemistry Lab	
		SOC 1305 (any semester prior to MCAT)	

<b>JUNIOR</b>			
<b>FALL</b>		<b>SPRING</b>	
<i>Pre-Medical</i>	<i>Honors</i>	<i>Pre-Medical</i>	<i>Honors</i>
CHE 4341-General Biochemistry	HON 3100 (begin thesis)	BIO-Additional Advanced-Level BIO recommended <sup>3</sup>	HON 3101
PHY 1408-General Physics for Natural & Behavioral Physics I -or- 1420 General Physics I	UNSC 3001 Exit Interview (2 Upper-Level Honors Units)	PHY 1409-General Physics for Natural & Behavioral Physics II -or- 1430 General Physics II	Lower or upper-level Honors unit
MCAT Preparation		Take MCAT Exam	
Begin Prehealth Committee Process <sup>1</sup>		Begin Medical School Applications	

<b>SENIOR</b>			
<b>FALL</b>		<b>SPRING</b>	
<i>Pre-Medical</i>	<i>Honors</i>	<i>Pre-Medical</i>	<i>Honors</i>
Complete Degree Requirements	HON 4V87 (2 hours)	Complete Degree Requirements	HON 4V87 (2 hours)
		Graduate	Defend Thesis

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

This guide offers a recommended course sequence for Honors Program students preparing for medical school. The courses listed indicate only the **MINIMUM requirements** for most medical schools in the U.S. and is not designed for any specific major. Students who plan to apply for medical 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.

**Each medical school determines its own course requirements for admission.** While there is significant similarity among the medical schools, differences do occur. Students should refer to the respective medical school's website for the official and most current requirements.

<b>Biological Sciences</b>	14 semester hours (12 semester hours of lecture & 2 hours of lab)
<b>General Chemistry</b>	8 semester hours (6 hours of lecture & 2 hours of lab)
<b>Organic Chemistry</b>	8 semester hours (6 hours of lecture & 2 hours of lab)
<b>Biochemistry</b>	3 semester hours
<b>Physics</b>	8 semester hours (6 semester hours of lecture & 2 hours of lab)
<b>English</b>	6 semester hours (GTX 2301, GTX 2302, & PWR 3300 are accepted by Texas medical schools as English credit)
<b>Statistics</b>	3 semester hours

\*A note on AP credit: AP credit is only accepted if the school granting the credit lists the specific courses and number of credits granted per course on an official transcript. Some medical schools do NOT accept any AP credit. Verify if a medical school accepts AP credit by checking their website.

<b>HONORS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<b>Lower-level Honors Units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYS (optional, but strongly recommended during first semester)</li> <li><b>Honors Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and/or Calculus recommended for students with sufficient background or ability</b></li> </ul>	5 Units (usually during the first 4 semesters)
<b>Great Texts, GTX 2301 &amp; 2302, UNSC 3301</b>	3 semesters
<b>Honors Colloquium, HON 3200</b>	1 semester
<b>Upper-level Honors Units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3000- and 4000-level classes for Honors credit</li> <li>Certain upper-level BIO often offered as Honors sections and are recommended for Pre-Med students.</li> </ul>	3 Units (usually during the last 4 semesters)
<b>Advanced Reading and Research, HON 3100 &amp; 3101 (initial thesis work)</b>	1-2 semesters
<b>Thesis Hours, HON 4V87</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually taken for 2 credit hours each for two semesters</li> </ul>	2 semesters

<sup>1</sup> Students must receive credit for **PHP 1105** (Foundations of Medicine) in order to participate in the [Prehealth Committee process](#). *Pre-Med students are strongly encouraged to take PHP 1105 during their Freshman year.* PHP 1105 is a New Student Experience course each Fall semester, intended for entering Freshmen.

<sup>2</sup> STA 1380, 2381, 3381, 4372, 4382, 4385, 4386, PSY 2402, 4400 are accepted by Texas Medical Schools. Students should confirm the major appropriate Statistics course with their academic advisor, as some majors require a specific course.

<sup>3</sup> Suggested Advanced Level BIO courses include, but are not limited to: **BIO 3322** (Human Physiology), **BIO 3122** (Human Physiology Lab), **BIO 3330** (Medical Genetics), **BIO 3342** (Molecular Cell Biology), **BIO 4302** (General Microbiology), **BIO 4102** (General Microbiology Lab), **BIO 4306** (Molecular Genetics & Genomics), **BIO 4106** (Molecular Genetics & Genomics Lab), **BIO 4320** (Pathophysiology), **BIO 4354** (Neglected Tropical Diseases), **BIO 4426** (Vertebrate Histology), **BIO 4432** (General Human Anatomy) // Per Biology Dept. policy, BIO 3342 cannot be taken if a student has credit for CHE 4341, BIO 4307, or BIO 4308. **BIO 3342 is not required for the MCAT; check with your major for specific course requirements.**

**\*\*\*This guide is not a substitute for an advising appointment. Students should communicate with their advisor(s) on a regular basis and discuss any major schedule changes\*\*\***

**Application Websites:**      [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org)      [aacomas.liaisoncas.com](http://aacomas.liaisoncas.com)      [www.tmdsas.com](http://www.tmdsas.com)