

Mercer University College of Pharmacy

Pharmacy School Guide Map

Recommended Timeline of Courses to Complete

*(Degree Requirements/Sequencing may impact ability to strictly follow guide map)**

First Year	
BIOL 1110/1110L: Principles of Biology I/Lab (4 credit hours)	CHEM 1110/1110L: General Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
BIOL 1120/1120L: Principles of Biology II/Lab (4 credit hours)	CHEM 1120/1120L: General Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
ENGL 1010: Rhetoric and Composition I or ENGL 1011: Rhetoric and Composition I w/Writing Tutorial (3-4 Credit Hours)	ENGL 1020: Rhetoric and Composition II (3 Credit hours)
Social Science General Education Course (3 Credit hours)**	Fine Arts and Humanities General Education Course (3 credit hours)**
Math 1130: College Algebra (3 Credit hours)*	MATH 1830: Calculus for Mgmt. Life and Social Sciences (3 Credit hours)
Second Year	
Social Science General Education Course (3 credit hours)**	MATH 2100: Introductory Statistics (3 credit hours)
BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 credit hours)	BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours)
CHEM 3010/3010L: Organic Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)*	CHEM 3020/3020L: Organic Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)*
THSP 1090: Public Speaking (3 credit hours)	Fine Arts and Humanities General Education Course (3 credit hours)**
Third Year	
CHEM 4510: Biochemistry (3 credit hours)	ECON 1010: Principles of Economics: Macro or ECON 1020: Principles of Economics: Micro (3 Credit Hours)
BIOL 2100: Microbiology and Health or BIOL 4220: Principles of Microbiology (4 credit hours)	Prepare for and submit PharmCAS application
Fourth Year	
Complete remaining major requirements	
<i>*Courses not required for admission to Mercer, but are prerequisites for required courses, and must be completed in addition to required courses</i> <i>**At least one course must focus on cultural diversity. Examples of courses that fulfill this prerequisite are: sociology, cultural anthropology, cultural geography, world literature, world religions, or gender studies</i>	

PCAT Requirements

Mercer University College of Pharmacy does not require the PCAT or other graduate admissions test scores for consideration for admission. Applicants who want to provide further support of their academic preparedness can opt to submit their PCAT scores as part of their PharmCAS application. PharmCAS Code 104

Early Decision Application

Mercer University College of Pharmacy participates in the Early Decision application through PharmCAS. The deadline is September 3. In addition to completing the PharmCAS application, you must arrange for PharmCAS to receive all of your official transcripts and fees by the deadline. If your application, transcripts, or fee arrive after the deadline, PharmCAS will automatically change your file from early decision status to regular status. If you are offered admission as an Early Decision applicant, you are expected to accept the offer and will not be permitted to apply to other programs in PharmCAS during the current admission cycle. If, however, you are denied admission as an Early Decision applicant, you may apply to other Pharm.D. programs for an additional fee. Refer to the [PharmCAS application fee schedule](#) to determine the cost to apply to each additional program. On October 21, PharmCAS will automatically release all Early Decision applicants who have not been accepted to date, so they may apply to additional programs

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Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year

Year 1 Classes	Year 1 Experience	Year 2 Classes	Year 2 Experience
Complete: Course sequences: General Chemistry, General Biology, English, Social Science, Fine Arts and Humanities, and Algebra/Calculus	Join clubs/get involved. Begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop. Begin locating Pharmacist to interview and shadow	Complete: Organic Chemistry, Statistics, Social Science, Public Speaking, Fine Arts and Humanities, Anatomy, and Physiology	Begin shadowing, volunteering, and obtaining leadership opportunities. Work with PHPA on personal statement. Identify recommenders

Timeline – Junior Year, Senior Year, and Acceptance

Year 3 Classes	Year 3 Experience	Year 4 Class	Year 4- Experience
Complete: Biochemistry, Economics, and Microbiology	Prepare for PharmCAS application by securing letters of recommendation, and other documents. Submit PharmCAS application summer of third year. Continue working on shadowing and other extracurricular experiences	Complete: Remaining major requirements	Continue volunteering, shadowing, and participating in extracurricular activities

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility

Completed Hours Required	Minimum Grade	Letters of Recommendation
Applicants must complete a minimum of 66 hours, 36 of which must be basic science courses, before applying. An undergraduate degree is not required but strongly encouraged	Only grades of C or better are acceptable towards prerequisites	Two letters of reference are required, with preference for letters that attest to the applicant's academic and professional attributes (e.g., college-level Science professors and pharmacists/supervisors). Please note that applicants are encouraged to e-submit their PharmCAS application before their letters of reference have been received by PharmCAS

Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications

Application	Cost	International Students
New PharmCAS Application required every year, application cycle opens early-mid July. All applications must be submitted and all materials received by PharmCAS by Sept 3 for early admission consideration and July 1 of matriculation year for regular admission	The PharmCAS application fee is based on a graduated scale that varies based on the number of programs you choose to receive your application. Refer to the PharmCAS Fee Schedule for cost of application based on number of schools applied to	Applicants whose native language is not English must provide proof of English language proficiency by submitting TOEFL scores to PharmCAS as part of their application. Non-native English speakers can also provide proof of English language proficiency by providing proof via English Composition / Writing Intensive and Public Speaking courses they have successfully completed at a regionally-accredited college/university in the U.S.

Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision

Interview	Acceptance and Deposit
Competitive applicants are invited to interview on campus on a rolling basis until the class is filled. All interviews are conducted in person on the Atlanta Campus. Those invited to interview will participate in an Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format	The tuition deposit (\$750) is waived for Early Decision applicants. Applicants admitted through the regular admissions process are required to submit a first tuition deposit of \$200 within two weeks of acceptance. A second tuition deposit of \$550 is due by March 1. Applicants accepted after March 1, will be required to submit a tuition deposit of \$750 within two weeks of acceptance. Tuition due dates are non-negotiable

**** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information**