

Samford University McWhorter School 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	
CHEM 1110/1110L: General Chemistry I/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)
PSY 1010: Introduction to Psychology or SOC 1510: Introduction to Sociology (3 Credit hours)	Fine Arts and Humanities Historical Understanding General Education Course (3 credit hours)
MATH 1710: Precalculus I, MATH 1720: Precalculus II, or MATH 1730: Combined Precalculus (3-4 credit hours)*	MATH 1950: Calculus I (4 credit hours)
Second Year	
MATH 2100: Introductory Statistics (3 credit hours)	THSP 1090: Public Speaking (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)
Fine Arts and Humanities Visual and Performing Arts General Education Course (3 credit hours)	Fine Arts and Humanities Literature General Education Course (3 credit hours)
Third Year	
Fine Arts and Humanities Non-Western Culture General Education Course (3 credit hours)	Fine Arts and Humanities Thoughts, Values, and Beliefs General Education Course (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	
HHP physical activity course (2 credit hours)	Complete Remaining Degree Requirements
* MATH 1950 is the required prerequisite for McWhorter School of Pharmacy, applicants must complete any required math needed to complete MATH 1950	

PCAT Requirements

Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy does not require completing the Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT). It is an optional component of the application process. Samford ceased requiring the completion of the PCAT in August of 2018. While PCAT scores are not required or considered in the application process, should an applicant wish to submit scores can select PharmCAS Code 104 to report PCAT scores directly to PharmCAS

Early Decision Application

Samford University McWhorter School 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, English, Psychology or Sociology, Fine Arts and Humanities, and 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, 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: Fine Arts and Humanities 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: Physical activity course and remaining degree requirements	Continue volunteering, shadowing, and participating in extracurricular activities

Application Breakdown

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

Completed Hours Required	Supplemental Materials	Letters of Recommendation
Applicants must complete a minimum of 64 hours, 28 of which must be basic science courses, before applying. An undergraduate degree is not required but strongly encouraged	Supplemental information questions and material requests will be included in the program materials area within the PharmCAS application	One (1) letter of recommendation is required and must be completed by a college level Math or Science professor who has taught applicant in class. One (1) non-academic letter of recommendation is also required. It is preferred that this letter be completed by a pharmacist who has supervised applicant in a work setting. If no pharmacy experience is had, then the non-academic letter of recommendation may be completed by anyone who has recently supervised applicant in a work setting

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	All accepted applicants, including those who are not a US citizen or US Permanent Resident, must have a valid US Social Security number by the first day of the first Fall semester courses. A valid US Social Security number is required to be eligible for placement into Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE)

Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision

Interview	Acceptance and Deposit
Applicants receiving an interview invitation will be notified via e-mail with the dates for the upcoming interviews. The email will instruct the applicant to contact the Pharmacy Admission Office to confirm an interview appointment	Accepted applicants must submit a \$500 seat deposit. Deposit will be waived for any applicant admitted through the Early Decision process. The seat deposit can be split into two payments: A first payment of \$200 will be due within 2 weeks of the date of acceptance letter. A second payment of \$300 will be due after March 1

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