

Mercer University School of Medicine

Medical School Guide map

Recommended Timeline of Courses to Complete

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

First Year	
PSY 1010: Introduction to Psychology (3 Credit Hours)	SOC 1510: Introduction to Sociology (3 Credit Hours)
BIOL 1110/1110L: Principles of Biology I/Lab (4 credit hours)	BIOL 1120/1120L: Principles of Biology II/Lab (4 Credit hours)
CHEM 1110/1110L: General Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	CHEM 1120/1120L: General Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
MATH 1130: College Algebra or MATH 1710: Precal I or Math 1720: Precal II or MATH 1730: Combined Precal (3-4 Credit Hours)	MATH 1830: Calculus for Management, Life and Social Sciences or MATH 1950: Calculus I (3-4 Credit Hours)
Second Year and Third Year	
CHEM 3010/3010L: Organic Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	CHEM 3020/3020L: Organic Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
PHYS 1030/1030L: General Physics - Mechanics & Heat/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	PHYS 1040/1040L: General Physics - Electromagnetism & Optics/Labor (4 Credit Hours)
CHEM 4510: Biochemistry (4 Credit Hours)	Study for MCAT, take MCAT April or May of third year
Fourth Year	
Complete remaining major requirements	
<i>*Students coming in with: transfer credit, AP, Dual Enrollment, other credit, or who opt to take summer courses may have an amended timeline. Please reach out to the Pre-Health Professions Advisor to develop a custom timeline</i>	

MCAT Facts You Need to Know

Cost	Scores	Timing	Reporting
Registration for MCAT: \$320	50 th percentile is considered competitive at MUSM	Recommended timeline: April/May year prior to when you plan to enroll	No scores can be omitted, every attempt is reported
Registration for the MCAT 8 days or less prior to test date: \$370	126 minimum in each category to be competitive at MUSM	Deadline for MCAT is last date in Sept. for that year's application cycle	Scores are automatically released to AMCAS
16 days or more before test date, refund of \$155 issued; no refund 15 days or less from the test date	500 + total score to be considered competitive at MUSM	Scores are received within 30 days of the test	Scores can be sent to non AMCAS school electronically via Score Reporting System or mailing official copy
Fee Assistance is offered but MUST be applied for prior to selecting date for exam. Fee is dropped to \$125 MCAT Fee Assistance	Scores must be no older than 5 years from the year you plan to enroll.		Additional fees may apply to sending your scores to non AMCAS schools

MUSM Residency Requirements

Applicants must have established domicile in the state of Georgia at least by August 15 year prior to application. They must maintain domicile for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes of the school term for which they are applying. Applicants who are not able to claim Georgia as their state of legal residence will not be allowed to designate MUSM as a recipient of their Primary AMCAS Application. The deadline for the Early Decision Program is August 1. If an applicant has not established residency prior to that date, they will not be able to apply as an Early Decision Program applicant

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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, Sociology, Psychology, and Algebra/Calculus	Join clubs/get involved, begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop	Complete: Organic Chemistry and Physics sequences	Shadowing/scribing, leadership opportunities. Work with PHPA on personal statement and participate in MCAT prep. Identify recommenders

Timeline – Junior Year, Senior Year, and Acceptance			
Year 3 Classes	Year 3 Experience	Year 3 Summer	Year 4
Complete: Biochemistry, and Physics (if not completed in the second year)	Continue shadowing, volunteering, and other activities. Prepare for MCAT and register for MCAT to take April/May	Submit completed AMCAS application no later than June 30	Complete: remaining degree requirements

Application Breakdown

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

CASPer Test	MCAT	Letters of Recommendation
The CASPer exam is a computer-based assessment used for sampling personal characteristics. It is required for applicants to complete. The cost of the exam is \$10 and an additional \$10 per school. Results can take up to three weeks. Scores can be designated to MUSM and are automatically sent to MUSM	Must have completed MCAT at least one time in the past 3 years. Only highest MCAT score will be considered, scores are not averaged. MCAT code is GA-832	All letters must be submitted through the AMCAS. Applicants invited to submit a secondary application, are required to have at least two letters submitted AMCAS before an interview invitation is considered. At least one letter must be from a science faculty member that has taught the applicant, it is recommended at least one letter from a physician or healthcare professional the applicant has shadowed or worked with

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

Application	Cost	Secondary Application
New AMCAS Application required every year. AMCAS opens in early May and MSUM reviews applications starting early August	\$170 for initial application/first school, \$41 for each additional school. A non-refundable \$90 secondary application is required for applicants invited to submit secondary application	Applicants moving forward will be invited to submit a secondary application. Submission of a \$90 application fee, declaration of domicile in the state of Georgia, state-issued photo ID, Required Premedical Course Form, and a photograph are submitted with the MUSM Secondary Application. (\$90 fee automatically waived for applicants who have a valid Fee Assistance Program waiver from AMCAS.)

Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision

Interview	Admission Offers	Background Checks
Applicants invited to interview will have two one-on-one, 30-60 minute interviews. One of the interviews is with an Admissions Committee member who may be a basic science or clinical faculty member or a senior medical student. Interviews are open and lunch with current medical students is provided	Once an offer is made, Early Decision will be notified by late Sept, regular decision by early March, applicants have 2 weeks to respond and pay \$100 deposit. Campus location placement will be enclosed in acceptance packet	All accepted applicants must successfully pass a criminal background check

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