

# University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB) 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	
ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1011: Rhetoric and Writing I (3-4 Credit Hours)	ENGL 1020: Rhetoric and Writing II (3 Credit Hours)
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)	Math 2100: Introductory Statistics (3 Credit Hours)
Study for MCAT, take MCAT April or May of third year	
*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	
**Courses not required for UAB admissions, but are prerequisites for required courses. These courses must be taken in addition to required listed courses	

## MCAT Facts You Need to Know

Cost	Scores	Timing	Reporting
Registration for MCAT: \$320	50 <sup>th</sup> percentile is considered competitive at UAB	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	127 minimum in each category to be competitive at UAB	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	509 minimum total score to be considered competitive at UAB	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 <a href="#">MCAT Fee Assistance</a>	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

## Alabama Resident Incentives

Alabama residents must have a 3.0 science (BCPM) GPA at the undergraduate level or a 3.0 science (BCPM) GPA after 20 or more credits at the post-baccalaureate or graduate level to receive the secondary application invitation. Out of state applicants must have a 3.3 science (BCPM). **GPA requirement does not apply to MD-PhD applicants.** Alabama residents with above average academic performance with a 493-494 total score on the MCAT may be invited to submit a secondary. Out of state applicants must have at least a 495

## Early Decision Program (EDP)

Early Decision Program is only open to Alabama residents who are eligible for a bachelors degree by the date of matriculation. Applicants must have an MCAT score of at least 506 or higher and a GPA of 3.6 or higher. All AMCAS applications and documents must be submitted by August 1, secondary application must be submitted by August 15. EDP applicants will be notified by Oct 1 by admissions committee. If an applicant is not accepted as an early decision student, they may have the opportunity to have their application changed to the 'Regular MD' pool

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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 Composition, Algebra/Calculus, Sociology, and Psychology	Join clubs/get involved, begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop	Complete: Organic Chemistry, Statistics, 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	Citizenship
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 15	Only U.S. citizens and permanent residents are considered for admission.

## Application Breakdown

<b>Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility</b>		
AP and CLEP Credit	MCAT	Letters of Recommendation
<p><b>AP BIOL Credit:</b> Accepted, 8 hours of additional biology course work with lab required</p> <p><b>AP and CLEP PHYS:</b> Accepted <b>AP/CLEP Stat:</b> Accepted, college level biostatistics required</p> <p><b>AP/CLEP ENGL:</b> Accepted</p> <p><b>AP/CLEP Social Science:</b> Accepted</p> <p>All AP and CLEP credit must appear on college transcript to be accepted</p>	<p>Most recent MCAT total score will be used for consideration for interview. All scores from all attempts will be used for admission decisions</p>	<p>Applicants can submit a Committee letter, Letter packet, or three individual letters. If selecting individual letters, at least one letter from a faculty member (preferably a science faculty member) and at least two letters from other faculty or individuals who can provide in-depth evaluation and recommendation.</p> <p>Applicants should not submit more than five individual letters of recommendation. All letters must be submitted via AMCAS</p>
<b>Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications</b>		
Application	Cost	Secondary Application
<p>New AMCAS Application required every year. AMCAS opens in early May and UAB reviews applications starting late June</p>	<p>\$170 for initial application/first school, \$41 for each additional school</p>	<p>Applicants are emailed a secondary application by invitation only. A \$100 fee is associated with the secondary application</p>
<b>Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision</b>		
Interviews	Acceptance	
<p>Interviewers will have access to AMCAS and secondary applications, but do not have access to grades, MCAT scores, or letters of recommendation. UAB conducts Multiple Mini Interviews or MMI. Applicants will arrive on interview day and will be given an overview of the day, then transition to the MMIs. A traditional individual interview follows the MMI interview. Applicants are provided lunch with medical students and a campus tour. Applicants are emailed parking and arrival information prior to interview</p>	<p>Applicants are encouraged to use the AMCAS <i>Choose Your Medical School</i> tool to communicate school preference and manage admission offers. UAB reviews data after April 30 to determine if additional offers of admission need to be made, utilizing Choose Your Medical School allows UAB to make decisions on waitlisted applicants faster after April 30.</p> <p>Applicants can hold waitlist offers until July 8</p>	
<p><b>** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information</b></p>		