

Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine Alabama

Medical 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)	BIOL 1130: Principles of Biology III (3 credit hours)***
PSY 1010: Introduction to Psychology (3 Credit Hours)**	SOC 1510: Introduction to Sociology (3 Credit Hours)**
CHEM 1110/1110L: General Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	CHEM 1120/1120L: General Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1011: Rhetoric and Writing I (3-4 Credit hours)	ENGL 1020: Rhetoric and Writing II (3 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 (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)**
BIOL 3250: Genetics (3 Credit Hours)	Take MCAT April/May of third year
Fourth Year	
BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 Credit Hours)**	BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 Credit Hours) **
BIOL 2100: Microbiology and Health or BIOL 4220: Principles of Microbiology (4 credit hours)**	
*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 admission to VCOM-AL but are strongly recommended, applicants are encouraged to complete these additional courses	
*** Courses not recommended/required for admission to VCOM-AL but are prerequisites for required courses	

MCAT Facts You Need to Know

Cost	Scores	Timing	Reporting
Registration for MCAT: \$320	50 th percentile is considered competitive at	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	125 minimum in each category to be competitive	Deadline for MCAT is last date in Sept. for that year's application cycle	Scores are automatically released to AMCAS, VCOM-AL are not AMCAS schools , scores must be designated to AACOMAS by applicant
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	Scores are reported within 30 days of the test	Scores must be sent to VCOM-AL 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 3 years from the year you plan to enroll.	VCOM-AL is a non-AMCAS School; scores are not automatically uploaded to AACOMAS App.	Additional fees may apply to sending your scores to the AACOMAS application system

Regional Incentives

VCOM-AL seeks to admit the greater portion of the class from qualified applicants who grew up in or are based in Alabama, followed by students from the southern Appalachian and Delta states; and traditionally medically underserved regions. (Target states include GA, FL, KY, TN, MS, LA, TX, MI, NC, SC, OH, PA, VA, MD, and WV)

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Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year			
Year 1 Classes	Year 1 Experience	Year 2 Classes	Year 2 Experience
Complete: General Chemistry, General Biology I & III, Psychology, Sociology, English Composition, and Algebra/Calculus	Join clubs/get involved, begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop	Complete: Organic Chemistry, Statistics, and Physics	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 Class
Complete: Biochemistry, Physics (if physics not completed in the second year), and Genetics	Continue shadowing, volunteering, and other activities. Prepare for MCAT and register for MCAT to take April/May. Submit AACOMAS application by March 1 of enrollment year	Submit completed AACOMAS application no later than June 30	Complete: recommended Microbiology, Anatomy, Physiology, and remaining degree requirements

Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility		
International Coursework/Applicants	MCAT	Evaluations/Letters of Rec.
Applicants who have taken coursework and/or earned a degree from a foreign institution must submit an evaluation of their transcripts to AACOMAS. The transcript evaluation company chosen must be approved by AACOMAS. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, Canadian citizen, or permanent U.S. resident	Applicants with an MCAT of less than 494 are generally not considered for interview. A competitive MCAT is at or above 500. VCOM-AL considers both the numeric and percentile scores when assessing overall MCAT performance	A letter of recommendation from a premedical advisor or science faculty who has taught the applicant is required. Shadowing with a physician and a letter of recommendation from that physician is required. If that experience was with a DO, all requirements will be met. If not, the student may be required to spend time meeting with a DO

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

Application	Cost	Secondary Application	Special Consideration
AACOMAS Application required, cycle opens May 2 and closes March 15 of each year for AACOMAS	\$195 for initial application/first school, \$45 for each additional program	Supplemental application sent to screened applicants who present a competitive science GPA, overall GPA and MCAT score. A non-refundable fee of \$50 is also required with the secondary application	Special consideration regarding required courses for interview may be considered for practicing Advanced Nurse Practitioners, PAs, Pharmacists, and Doctors of Physical Therapy when reviewing courses for course equivalency in the application

Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision

Interview	Acceptance
The interview day at VCOM-AL campus includes an information session, one-on-one interviews, a tour of the Auburn campus, lunch with VCOM students, a tour of Auburn, and a session with a representative of the financial aid office	Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit (\$1,500), according to the following AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule: Accepted prior to Nov. 15 will have until Dec. 14, accepted between Nov. 15 and Jan. 14 will have 30 days, accepted between Jan. 15 and May 14 will have 14 days, accepted after May 15 may be asked for an immediate deposit. Earliest acceptance date: Oct 1. Latest acceptance date: Aug. 1

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