STUDENT'S SELECTION

COLLEGE : ARTS AND SCIENCES
SCHOOL : NONE
DEGREE : TO BE DETERMINED BY STUDENT/ADVISOR
OPTION/TRACK : PRE-MEDICAL SCIENCES PROGRAM

LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAM : NO

CAMPUS(ES) WHERE OFFERED/CONTACT:
TAMPA only / Science Advising Center, Arts and Sciences, (813) 974-2674

Program of Study at a Florida Community/Junior College or SUS School for Students Planning to Transfer to USF (State Mandated Common Prerequisites)

Students are encouraged to complete the A.A. degree and include the following courses, if available, during the program of study at the community college:

One year each, if offered, of:
- General Chemistry (CHM 2041, 2045L and CHM 2046, 2046L) (8)
- Organic Chemistry (CHM 2210, 2210L and CHM 2211, 2211L) (8-10)
- General Physics (PHY 2053, 2053L and PHY 2054, 2054L or PHY 2048, 2048L and PHY 2049, 2049L) (8)
- College Mathematics (some schools require calculus) (8)

Depending upon the professional school, additional science courses may be required or strongly recommended as indicated in the preceding sections. Exposure to a health profession is also required.

There are no State Mandated Common Prerequisites for this degree program.

Admission Requirements to the University Program of Study

Please be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university. This is a non-limited access program with the above courses recommended.

Health Professions Programs

The College of Arts and Sciences offers programs designed to prepare students for admission to professional schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, optometry, podiatric medicine, and veterinary medicine. Usually these professions require four years of preprofessional preparation followed by four years of training in a professional school. A few well-prepared students with exceptional qualifications may be admitted to some professional schools as early as the completion of the junior year of preprofessional work. The preprofessional programs do not meet requirements for a degree, but students should plan to also complete a degree while at USF because, while not specifying a major, professional schools prefer students with a bachelor's degree. Most preprofessional students major in the sciences because of their interests in the health sciences, and because of the considerable overlap between the preprofessional curriculum and the degree requirements for majors in the biology and chemistry departments. Entrance into all professional schools or programs is competitive, and students should begin establishing a record of excellence with the first semester. Furthermore, it is essential that students pursue courses developing a sense of understanding of cultural and humane values and basic social problems.

The College of Arts and Sciences provides academic advising in the Science Advising Center. The office maintains a library of current catalogs and books on admission requirements for professional schools and is an important resource center for preprofessional students. Students considering one of the health professions should contact the College of Arts and Sciences during the first semester at USF to declare their interest in a health professions program. Students are then assigned to the Science Advising Center for curriculum planning, and each semester the office provides students with updated academic records. At the time of application to professional schools, students are provided information about admission tests and the application process, and they are assisted in the process of obtaining faculty evaluations.