Prospective Student Fact Sheet

What is the recommended path to meet the requirements to pharmacy?

- You must take the pre-professional subject requirements
- You should have at least one year of full time study (preferably ★30 units)
- It’s recommended you take four options (★12 units) in addition to the pre-professional subject requirements. The four options (★12 units) could be used for credit in the BSc in Pharmacy program
- We also recommend that you take at least two academic years to complete the preprofessional courses and the optional courses

What University-level courses do I need to take before I apply to pharmacy?

Preprofessional Study Time: 1 year

★30 units of transferable coursework required (★ = units of course weight).

1. ★6 in General Chemistry
2. ★6 in Organic Chemistry
3. ★6 in junior-level English (which may include up to ★3 in Writing Studies)
4. ★3 in Biology (Cell Biology)
5. ★3 in Biochemistry
6. ★3 in Mathematics (Calculus)
7. ★3 in Statistics

Are spring courses considered to be within the one academic year of Pre-professional study time?

No if you apply without presenting 30 units in at least one academic year, your ranking will go down during the selection process.

Prerequisites can be taken in the Spring or Summer term. However, final grades from Spring/Summer terms are usually not available in time to be considered for our faculty’s admission decisions.

Ideally, your transcripts should show that you have successfully completed five courses per term in one academic year. (Fall & Winter terms)

We are looking at students who can successfully maintain a high course load.
What courses can I use for options in the BSc in Pharmacy program?

- Options can be any university-level course not used for the pre-professional subjects.
- Only one junior-level (199 or below) can be used from each subject area. For example, you cannot use Physics 124 and Physics 126 as two of your four options.

What Grade Point Average (GPA) should I be aiming for?

We recommend you try for a 3.5 to be competitive

How do I meet the Spoken English language proficiency (SEP) requirement?

There are several ways to meet the SEP requirements:

- You have six years of education in English in Canada or in another country where English is the primary language
- Score at least 50 on the Test of Spoken English (TSE)
- Show a minimum speaking score of 26 points on the TOEFL iBT test
- Show a minimum speaking score of 7.5 on the IELTS test

What deadlines am I looking for?

The following deadlines are found in the University of Alberta’s Calendar:
1. Application deadline
2. Document deadline – all transcripts
3. Letter of Intent deadline

*Special/visiting does not apply to High School Students

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