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Pre-Health Courses to Consider: Health-related graduate programs accept all majors although they require many of the following prerequisites. Seek a major in which you will excel academically and build your prerequisite science courses into your schedule throughout your undergraduate career.

Prerequisite Courses Recommended for All Pre-Health Fields (20 hours)
- BIO 201: Principles of Biology: Cells, with Lab
- CHM 101: General Chemistry I, with Lab
- CHM 102: General Chemistry II, with Lab
- PHY 101: Elementary College Physics I, with Lab
- PHY 102: Elementary College Physics II, with Lab

Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental, Pre-Chiropractic, Pre-Podiatry (18 hours)
- BIO 202: Principles of Biology
- Biodiversity, with Lab, or minimum (e.g. BIO 335, BIO 240, BIO 241)
- CHM 211: Organic Chemistry I, with Lab
- CHM 212: Organic Chemistry II, with Lab
- MAT 151: Basic Calculus with Applications I

Pre-Optometry (12 hours)
- PSY 105: General Psychology
- STT 215: Introduction to Statistics
- 6 additional hours in Mathematics

Pre-Physical Therapy (20 hours)
- BIO 240: Human Anatomy and Physiology I, with Lab
- BIO 241: Human Anatomy and Physiology II, with Lab
- MAT 111: College Algebra
- PSY 105: Introductory Psychology
- PSY 223: Life Span Human Development
- STT 215: Introduction to Statistics

Pre-Pharmacy (30 hours)
- BIO 202: Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, with Lab
- BIO 240: Human Anatomy and Physiology I, with Lab
- BIO 246: Microbiology of Human Diseases, with Lab
- BIO 425: Microbiology, with Lab
- CHM 211: Organic Chemistry I, with Lab
- CHM 212: Organic Chemistry II, with Lab
- MAT 161: Calculus with Analytical Geometry I
- STT 215: Introduction to Statistics

Pre-Veterinary (27 hours)
- BIO 202: Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, with Lab
- BIO 335: Genetics
- BIO 425: Microbiology
- BIO 465: Biochemistry
- CHM 211: Organic Chemistry I, with Lab
- CHM 212: Organic Chemistry II, with Lab
- 6 credit hours of Psychology
- STT 215: Introduction to Statistics
- ATR 492: Medical Terminology

Recommendations for Pre-Health Students
- Take 2 or more science courses each semester
- Obtain clinical experience in your field of interest
- Research admission requirements for your top schools
- Meet with a Pre-Professional Advisor early in the process
- Take advantage of UNCW Pre-Professional Programs!
- Pre-Health Portfolio
- Information Sessions
- Lunch & Learn with Health Professionals
- Health Professions Leadership Certificate

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Pre-Law Courses to Consider
The American Bar Association does not recommend any particular group of majors. Seek a major or choose electives whose classes provide knowledge and skills that will be useful for law school and admissions tests. Beginning Fall 2013, UNCW offers a Pre-Law Minor as a great exploratory option but is not required for Law School eligibility.

Skills Useful for Law School
- ACG 201: Financial Accounting
- ACG 203: Managerial Accounting
- ACG 301: External Financial Reporting
- COM 101: Public Speaking
- COM 257: Argumentation and Debate
- ECN 221: Principles of Economics-Micro
- ECN 222: Principles of Economics-Macro
- LAT 101: Introductory Latin
- PAR 110: Introduction to Logic
- PAR 218: Symbolic Logic

Courses about Law, Legal System & Reasoning
- BLA 261: Law and Society
- BLA 362: Environmental Law
- COM 250: Introduction to Political Communication
- PAR 115: Introduction to Ethics
- PAR 310: Legal Philosophy and Jurisprudence
- PED 379: Sport, Physical Activity and the Law
- PLS 101: American National Government
- PLS 220: Introduction to International Relations
- PLS 300: American Constitutional Law I
- PLS 301: American Constitutional Law II
- PLS 305: The Constitution and the Criminal Justice System
- PLS 329: Ocean and Coastal Law and Policy
- PLS 495: National Security Law

Recommendations for Pre-Law Students
- Take courses to build skills in research, writing and presentation
- Build a record of internships, work or volunteer experiences
- Build relationships with faculty members for recommendations
- Research admission requirements for your top schools
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