

California State University, Northridge
What Courses do I need to go to Optometry School?

Number of Optometry Schools in US: 23

Number of Optometry Schools in California: 3

Application Service/Opening Date: OptomCAS: **Opens in June every year**

CSUN COURSES REQUIRED FOR OPTOMETRY SCHOOL
(C or better for all schools except Ketchum accepts C-)

See the Pre-Health Advisor in the Biology Advising office for help with planning these courses.

Biology major is the best fit for these courses, but any major is acceptable as long as these courses are taken as well.

Chemistry: 100, taken at CSUN only (or CPT), 101/L, 102/L, 333/L, 334/L, 464
(must be taken in sequential order)

Math: 140 (Statistics)
102 + 105 + 255A or 150A (Pre-Calc I & II, Calculus I)
OR AP Calc (Score 3, 4 or 5)

Biology: 106/L, 107/L
Anatomy, Physiology (213/212 and 281/282 or 382/L, 383/L)
Microbiology (215/L or 315/L)
Immunology (485/L) UC BERKELEY ONLY!

Physics: 100A/L, 100B/L
OR 220A/L, 220B/L

General Education Courses: Analytical Reading/Expository Writing: ANY COURSE
AND ENGL 215, 255, 300, 306, 364, 311, 371 (CHOOSE ONE)
PSY 150

OAT Exam:

- Each school has a deadline by which OAT must be taken which varies from October of the year you are applying to April of matriculating year.
- It is suggested to take the exam in late Spring/early Summer of the year you are applying.
- Students typically spend 4-6 months and 400 hours preparing for the OAT. (SEE OAT PREP SHEET.)
- Scores range from 200 – 400 on several sections (Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physics, Reading Comprehension, Math, Total Science, Academic Average.
- The average OAT score of admitted students is 300 in each section.

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LINKS TO LOCAL OPTOMETRY SCHOOL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

UC Berkeley: <https://optometry.berkeley.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/course-requirements/>

Western University: <https://prospective.westernu.edu/optometry/od/requirements/>

Ketchum (SCCO): <https://www.ketchum.edu/optometry/requirements>

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR MORE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION:

Optometry Programs Admissions Directory:

https://myasco.opted.org/searchEngines/admissions_advanced_search_form.aspx