

CSUN Courses Required for Occupational Therapy (OT) Programs: 2020 Update

There are hundreds of OT programs in the US. In California, there are nine Master's Degree programs and three Doctoral Degree programs.

Need help to plan your courses?

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REQUIRED COURSES	CSU Dominguez Hills	USC	West Coast	Stanbridge	Loma Linda	U of St. Augustine	Dominican University	Samuel Merritt	San Jose State
Location	LA	LA	LA	OC	IE	SD	SF BAY	SF BAY	SF BAY
Program Type	Masters	Masters	Masters & Doctoral	Masters	Masters	Masters & Doctoral	Masters	Masters & Doctoral	Masters
General Biology 101/L	No, but Required for Anat/Physio	No, but Required for Anat/Physio	No, but Required for Anat/Physio	No, but Required for Anat/Physio	No, but Required for Anat/Physio	Yes	No, but Required for Anat/Physio	Yes	No, but Required for Anat/Physio
Human Anatomy with Lab* Biol 211/212 = 3 units Biol 213/212 = 4 units	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either	Either (must have CADAVER LAB)
Human Physiology with Lab* Biol 281/282	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	281 only (no lab)	Yes
Online Lab OK?	No info	No	No info	No info	No info	No info	No info	Yes	No info
Physics 100 A Lecture Only, 3 units						Yes, or KIN 346/L		Yes	
Statistics Math	140	140	140	140	140		140	140	140
Writing								2 courses required (Any English)	
Intro Psychology						150	150	150	150
Intro Sociology		150		150		150	150	150	150
Life Span Psychology (200) OR Developmental Psychology (313)**	200	200	200 or 313	200	200	200	200	200 or 313	
Abnormal Psychology (310)**	310	310	310	310			310	310	310
3-D Skills Course Ceramics								Art 267	Art 267
Medical Terminology***		Yes	Yes		Yes, online OK if preapproved	Yes	Yes		
Additional Courses			2 courses in Humanities or Social Science			2 courses in Social Science		2 courses in Social Science & Speech	Psy 250 (Neuropsych)
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Minimum GPA (in degree or overall) to apply?	3.0 overall	3.0 overall and in prereqs	3.0 last 60 units	3.0	3.2 overall and in prereqs	3.0	3.0 last 60 units	Recommend 3.0 in last 60 units	3.0 last 60 units
Bachelor Degree required by:	Time that you apply	Start of program	Start of program	Start of program	Start of program	Start of program	Start of program	Start of program	Start of program
Prereqs must be:	C or better, but 3.0 average in prereqs	C or better	C or better	C or better	B- or better	C or better	C or better, but 3.0 average in prereqs	C- or better	B or better
Courses expire in:	10 years	5 years	10 years	5 years	A&P only: 5 years	Recommend 5 years	A&P only: 5 years	No info	Anatomy and Stats within the last 7 years
GRE Required?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Can prereqs be in progress during application?	No, all done by time that you apply	Yes, but one prereq must be done at time you apply and all prereqs must be completed before starting the program	No, all done by the time that you apply	No info on website	Must be finished no later than Fall of application year	Yes, all done by the start of program	Yes	Biol must be done by time that you apply, Physics must be done by end of fall, all others done by start of program	At least 4 of 8 prereqs must be completed by time that you apply
Minimum Observation Experience Requirements	80 hours under an OT (or take OTR 410 at CSUDH)	Not required, but recommended	40 hours in an OT setting	30 hours, 16 of which must be under an OT	40 hours in OT setting	40 hours in two different settings	60 hours within 2 years of app. Up to 20 hours may be under a non-OT	40-70 hours work or volunteer experience	80 hours in 2 different settings
Application Deadline	Sept (start Spring)	Nov	Multiple dates, multiple starts	June	Sept	Multiple dates, multiple starts	Dec	Dec	Feb

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*: **Anatomy and Physiology Courses:** There are two choices:

Upper Division, Combined A&P: Biol 382/L and 383/L

Lower Division, Separate A&P Courses: Biol 213/212 (Anatomy & Lab) and Biol 281/282 (Physiology & Lab)

** : **LifeSpan & Abnormal Psychology Requirement:** Psy 200 is not regularly taught at CSUN. Psy 310 at CSUN requires Psy 150 & Psy 250 be taken first. Here are equivalent course numbers at local community colleges:

LifeSpan Psych:

- Psy 041 at ELAC, LAMC, LAVC and LAPC
- Psy 024 at PCC
- Psy 172 at COC
- Psy M07 at Moorpark

Abnormal Psych:

- Psy 014 at ELAC, LAMC, LAVC and LAPC
- Psy 003 at PCC
- Psy 115 at GCC
- Psy 240 at COC
- Psy M08 at Moorpark

***: **Medical Terminology Requirement:** CSUN does not offer Medical Terminology. Here are some local schools that offer medical terminology. Check with prospective PA schools to confirm the course you choose is acceptable:

- Moorpark, NS M19
- LA Pierce: VOC ED 377CE (non-credit course, ask schools if acceptable)
- LA Valley: BIOL 33
- LA Mission: BIOL 33 or HLTH OCC 063
- Glendale Community College: MOA 181 or MOA 182
- Pasadena City College: MA 115
- Ed2go: Online Medical Terminology: (ask schools if online course is acceptable) ~\$250
- UNE ONLINE: MEDT 1000 (ask schools if online course is acceptable) ~\$1000
- West Valley Occupational Center: HIT/1
- Des Moines University: Online Medical Terminology Course ~\$100