

## Pre-Optometry Advising

Area in major Program Plan	GGC Courses
Area A – Essential Skills	ENGL 1101 and ENGL 1102 (English Comp I & II) MATH1113(Pre-Calculus) or MATH 2200 (Calculus I)
Area B– Institutional Option	ITEC 1001 (Introduction to Computing)
Area C– Humanities/Arts	MUSC 1100 (Music Appreciation) or ARTS 100 (Art Appreciation) FILM 1005 (Intro to Film) or

Recommended electives for admissions to most optometry schools	BIOL3400K (Cell Biology w/Lab) BIOL2451K and BIOL2452K or BIOL 3010K and BIOL 3020K

\* Students are strongly advised to check with the program they plan to apply to for specific prerequisites.

Entrance exam requirements: Optometry Admission Test

The OAT (<https://www.ada.org/en/oat>) measures general ability and comprehension of scientific information. All applicants are required to take the OAT no later than March 1 of the year they apply; however, we strongly recommend that they take the test no later than the fall of the year they apply, but be sure to check with the school for the most updated requirements!

What factors are considered in the admission process for optometry school students?

1. The completion of the prerequisites for the program.
2. The overall GPA
3. OAT Entrance exam score
4. Two letters of recommendation are required: one from a pre-optometry advisor/advisory committee or science professor, and one from an optometrist. Additional letters are welcome, but these two are required.

Optometry Schools that accept Georgia residents:

1. The Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, <https://www.sco.edu/>  
(There is no out-of-state tuition for GA residents.)
2. Kentucky College of Optometry <http://www.upike.edu/KYCO>