REGISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENTERING FRESHMEN INTERESTED IN THE 3-2 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM:

Students who are considering studying occupational therapy via the 3-2 program must be aware during their educational planning that they need to fulfill prerequisites for admission to the program as well as core and major requirements. It is best to consider these constraints even when choosing courses for the first semester of the freshman year. The following suggestions are designed to help such students fulfill these requirements in a timely manner while simultaneously exploring various fields of potential interest:

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy; Master of Occupational Therapy:

The prerequisites for both tracks of the program include EXSC 221/222, PSYC 273/274, an introductory statistics course, such as MATH 160*, and an additional psychology or sociology course dealing with human behavior (numbered 200 or above): PSYC 200, 251, 281, 290, 295, 330, 360, 361, CSOC 200, 202, 206, 212, 213, 215, 230, 295, 296, 305, 314, 325, 352, 370, 420. To prepare for EXSC 221/222, students considering OT should register for BIOL 111 (which simultaneously satisfies a Natural Scientific Approaches core), since BIOL 111 is prerequisite for EXSC 221. MATH 160 is also an appropriate first-year prerequisite selection. Most freshmen should not consider registering for 200 level psychology or comparative sociology courses. Hence, the remainder of the freshman selections should be made to satisfy as many core requirements as possible and explore alternate areas of interest. Students following the 3-2 plan should apply to the Occupational Therapy Program (through www.otcas.org) by December 15 of their junior year.

Alternative Application to the Occupational Therapy program:

Students who don’t pursue the 3-2 option may still earn a master’s degree in occupational therapy (MSOT or MOT). They begin by completing a bachelor's degree in another discipline on the more traditional four-year plan, making room for occupational therapy prerequisites in their first seven semesters. They may then apply to the Occupational Therapy program by December 15 of their senior year, or any year thereafter. (For many students, a year or more of work experience, particularly health-related work experience, before beginning graduate school is very beneficial.) Students are encouraged to express their interest in the program early to the Office of Admission and the occupational therapy faculty, and to keep in touch with them during the undergraduate years.

* (or PSYC 201 and 301, or CSOC 301 and 302)

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