

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENTERING FRESHMEN INTERESTED IN THE 3-3 DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OTD) PROGRAM:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEVELOPING OTD PROGRAM:

- ACOTE, the accrediting body for occupational therapy (OT) educational programs has mandated that all entry-level OT programs be at the doctoral level by 2027. This ACOTE decision was made public in August 2017. The Puget Sound OT Program has received OTD “developing status” from ACOTE and will make the transition from Master’s to Doctorate beginning with the cohort that enters in fall 2020. Therefore, Freshman entering in fall of 2018 will *not* be able to pursue a Master’s degree in OT at Puget Sound. The doctoral program will be a minimum of 3 years rather than the 2+ of the current Master’s degree program, so we are changing the 3-2 program to a 3-3 program.
- The OTD ACOTE accreditation standards currently have a number of educational requirements that differ from and/or exceed those of the Master’s degree. These ACOTE standards are also under review and revision, with expected adoption in August 2018. We are currently developing the OTD curriculum, but since the requirements may change, we cannot finalize courses until after the new standards are released. We aim to have our new curriculum finalized for review by the Curriculum Committee in September 2019. While we will provide a tentative course plan for the senior year/first graduate year in the fall of 2019, *until it is approved by the Curriculum Committee, please recognize that courses for the senior year/first graduate year could change.*
- Part of our curriculum development will be to revisit our current pre-requisites for the Master’s Program to decide if changes are needed for the OTD. Therefore, pre-requisites may change slightly. We will keep the Anatomy and Physiology (2 semesters with labs) and human development through the lifespan (1 or 2 semesters) requirements, but there may be additional pre-requisites (for example, medical terminology or a more focused human behavior pre-requisite) or different pre-requisites. We will update this curriculum guide immediately if we change pre-requisites.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS CONSIDERING THE 3-3 OTD PROGRAM AND THEIR ADVISORS:

- ***Students should contact Wendell Nakamura, faculty recruiter for occupational therapy, and the Admission Evaluator in the Office of the Registrar right away to begin planning for this accelerated track.***
- Students must engage in careful educational planning in order to fulfill prerequisites for admission to the OTD program as well as core and major requirements since their senior year load will be *only* OT coursework.
- Applicants to the 3-3 OTD program must have entered Puget Sound as undergraduate students *no later than their sophomore year.*
- Students may opt to take prerequisite courses (e.g., Anatomy/Physiology) over the summer and transfer credit back to Puget Sound. This requires transfer credit evaluation and verification *in advance.* It is best to consider these options when choosing courses for the first semester of the freshman year.
- Working toward the 3-3 OTD program does not guarantee admission to the program. Students will apply in the fall of their junior year and will be notified of admission decisions in February.
- ***Students who don’t pursue the 3-3 option or are not admitted into the 3-3 program may still apply to the doctoral program and earn a doctoral degree in occupational therapy (OTD).*** They begin by completing a bachelor's degree in another discipline, making room for OTD prerequisites in their first seven semesters. They then apply to the OTD program by December 1 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.

PRE-REQUISITES FOR THE OTD PROGRAM:

- See above note that pre-requisites could change.
- Current pre-requisites are:
 - Two semesters of anatomy and physiology with labs (EXSC 221/222)
 - NOTE: The 2018-19 Bulletin lists BIOL 111 and 2 semesters of chemistry as pre-requisites. Exercise Science is changing that for the 2019-20 bulletin, so that BIOL 111 is the only pre-requisite for EXSC 222 and BIOL 111 and CHEM 110 or 115 are the only pre-requisites for EXSC 221. Freshman planning to take EXSC 221/222 in the sophomore year may defer CHEM 110 or 115 until the fall of their sophomore year if they take EXSC 221 in the spring of that year. That leaves more room to take cores in the freshman year, but would result in them having two science courses with labs in the fall of the sophomore year, which may not be advisable for some students.
 - Human development *through the lifespan*. (PSYC 220 and 221 OR PSYC 222)
 - NOTE: PSYC 101 is a pre-requisite for PSYC 220, 221, and highly recommended for PSYC 222.
 - Upper division courses in human behavior. Students who take PSYC 220 and 221 will need *one*, students who take PSYC 222 will need *two*.
 - Options include: CONN 320, 369; PSYC 225, 230, 250, 255, 311, 320, 330, 335, 350, 365; SOAN 202, 206, 212, 213, 215, 225, 230, 240, 295, 296, 305, 314, 360, 370, 420.
 - Statistics (MATH 160)
 - Alternatively, students may use PSYC 201 and 301 to fulfill the statistics pre-requisite requirement. While MATH 160 is required for PSYC 201 and 301, psych majors may want to consider using PSYC 201 or 301 as their pre-req courses in their application to the OTD program if either grade is higher than MATH 160.

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2018-2019 CURRICULUM GUIDE

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (3/3 PROGRAM)

DEGREE: Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)

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Fall Semester Classes

Spring Semester Classes

Freshman¹	Units		Units
SSI 1	1	SSI 2	1
CHEM 110 or 115 ²	1	BIOL 111 (NS core)	1
MATH 160 (MA core)	1	PSYC 101 or Approaches Core (if PSYC 101 was taken in the fall)	1
FL (if needed) or PSYC 101	1	FL (if needed) or Approaches Core or Major req	1
Sophomore	Units		Units
EXSC 222/lab (OT prerequisite)	1	EXSC 221/lab (OT prerequisite)	1
PSYC 220 or 221 or 222 (OT prerequisite) ³	1	PSYC 220 or 221 or 222 (OT prerequisite) ²	1
PSYC 225 ⁴ (SL core; fills an OT prerequisite) or other Human Behavioral Science OT prerequisite	1	Major requirement	1
Approaches core or Major requirement	1	Approaches core or Major requirement	1
Junior	Units		Units
Major requirement or Approaches core	1	Major requirement or Approaches core	1
Major requirement	1	Major requirement	1
Major requirement	1	Major requirement or Elective	1
CN core or Elective or Major requirement	1	CN core or Elective or Major requirement	1

Take GRE in summer or fall of 2021; Apply to OTD program by 12/1/21; Students notified of admission status by mid-February 2021:

Senior Year Baccalaureate/First Year Doctorate
Students will follow the course requirements for the first year of the entry-level doctorate in occupational therapy (OTD).
NOTE: The curriculum is currently under development. It will be completed by summer 2019, to be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee in fall 2019. The course requirements should be finalized by January 2020 and will be published in the 2020-21 Graduate Bulletin.

¹ Most freshmen should not register for 200 level psychology or comparative sociology courses. Therefore, freshman selections should be made to satisfy as many **core requirements** as possible and explore alternate areas of interest.

² Chemistry is not a pre-requisite for the OT Program. It is a pre-requisite for both Anatomy and Physiology (A & P; EXSC 221/222) in the 2018-19 Bulletin, however, Exercise Science stated that CHEM will no longer be required for enrollment in EXSC222 and only one semester (CHEM 110 or 115) will be required for EXSC 221, beginning in 2019-20. Students *could* take CHEM 110 or 115 in their sophomore year, but it would have to be concurrent with EXSC 222 and it may not be advisable for some students to take concurrent sciences classes with labs.

³ If students take PSYC 222 instead of PSYC 220 and 221 for the lifespan development requirement, they will need to enroll in an additional behavioral science course to meet pre-requisites for the OTD Program.

⁴ PSYC 225 meets both the Social Scientific Approaches core and a human behavior prerequisite for the OTD, *except for those majoring in psychology who cannot use this as a Social Scientific Approaches core*. Students wishing to meet the prerequisite with another course may choose from the Bulletin options.

