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CATALOG	

GENERAL EDUCATION: 30-38 HRS

LANGUAGE: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
ENG 1001G Composition & Language	3		
ENG 1002G Composition & Literature	3		
CMN 1310G Intro to Speech	3		

Grade of "C" or better is required

SCIENCE AWARENESS: 7HRS

Completed in major.

MATHEMATICS: 3-5 HRS

Completed in major.

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS*: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
Humanities	3		
Fine Arts	3		
Humanities / Fine Arts	3		

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES*: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
PSY 1879G Intro to Psychology	3		
¹ ANT 2200G Intro to Anthropology OR SOC1838G Intro to Sociology	3		
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SENIOR SEMINAR: 3 HRS

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Seminar topic must be outside the major area. See Undergraduate Catalog for Senior Seminars that exclude Biological Sciences majors.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 0-8 HRS

EXEMPT? YES NO

Exempt if 2yrs in high school of a single foreign language with average grade of "C" or better.

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester

* One course must meet Cultural Diversity requirement.
¹Anthropology or Sociology (required by some schools)

SCIENCE CORE: 51-53 HRS

Biology Courses	Hours	Grade	Semester
BIO 1150 Biology Forum	1		
BIO 1500 General Biology I	4		
BIO 1550G* General Biology II	4		
BIO 3120* Molecular & Cell Biology	4		
BIO 3200* Genetics	4		
BIO 2220* Anatomy & Physiology II	4		
BIO 3180* Ecology and Evolution	4		
Physics Courses	Hours	Grade	Semester
PHY 1151G* Principles Physics I	3		
PHY 1152G* Principles Physics I Lab	1		
PHY 1161G* Principles Physics II	3		
PHY 1162G* Principles Physics II Lab	1		

Math Courses	Hours	Grade	Semester
MAT 2110G* Brief Calculus	3		
MAT 2250G* Elementary Statistics	4		
Chemistry Courses	Hours	Grade	Semester
CHM 1310G General Chemistry I	3		
CHM 1315G General Chemistry I Lab	1		
CHM 1410* General Chemistry II	3		
CHM 1415* General Chemistry II Lab	1		
CHM 2430/2440* Organic Chemistry	3		
CHM 2435/2445* Organic Chemistry Lab	1		

*Additional prerequisite classes may be required. See Undergraduate Catalog
*BIO 2210 (Anatomy and Physiology I) prerequisite. BIO 2210 counts as BIO elective credit.

MAJOR ELECTIVES: 21 HRS

21 hours of course work in Biological Sciences (with the exception of BIO 3400, workshops, and courses designed for General Education) or Mathematics or Physical Sciences courses above 2000 (with the exception of general education and CHM 2310). A minimum of 15 hrs must be taken in Biological Sciences.

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
BIO 2210 Anatomy and Physiology I	4		

A list of electives is on the back of this sheet.

OTHER:

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
PSY 3515* Child Psychology	3		
PSY 3525* Psy of Maturity & Old Age	3		
PSY 3780* Abnormal Psychology	3		

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Medical Terminology
- CPR Certification
- Departmental Exit Interview (final semester on campus)
- Course work or experience with ceramics, crafts, weaving, woodworking, etc. for fine motor function.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

	HRS	C	E	G	M	R	I
CHEMISTRY							
CHM 1310G General Chemistry I	3			✓	*		
CHM 1315G General Chemistry I Lab	1			✓	*		
CHM 1410G General Chemistry II	3						
CHM 1415G General Chemistry II Lab	1						
PHYSICS							
PHY 1151G Physics I	3			✓	*		
PHY 1152G Physics I Lab	1			✓	*		
PHY 1161G Physics II	3						
PHY 1162G Physics II Lab	1						
MATH							
MAT 2110G Brief Calculus	3						
OR MAT 1441G Calculus I	5						
AT 2250G Statistics	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
OR PSY 2610 Statistics	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BIOLOGY							
BIO 1500 General Biology	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BIO 2210 Anatomy & Physiology I*	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BIO 2220 Anatomy & Physiology II	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BEHAVIORAL/SOCIAL SCIENCES							
PSY 1879G Intro to Psychology	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ANT 2200G Intro Anthropology	3					a	
SOC 1838G Intro to Sociology	3					b	
PSY 3515** Child Psychology	3	a	a	a	a	?	✓
PSY 3521 Psych of Adolescence & Young Adulthood**	3		b	b		?	
PSY 3525 Psych of Maturity and Old Age**	3	b	c	c	b	?	
HSL 1800 Human Development	3		d	d		?	
PSY 3780 Abnormal Psychology	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS							
MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY		✓		1			*
INTRO TO OT		✓		✓			
CPR - BLS for Health Care Professional					✓		✓
FIRST AID					✓		
MINIMUM GPA		3.0	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
GRE			✓	✓		✓	✓
OBSERVATION HOUR REQUIREMENT (40-50 HRS AT 2 LOCATIONS)		✓		✓		✓	✓

a/b/c/d: Choose one option

* BIO 1500 is prerequisite

** PSY 1879G is prerequisite

* Recommended

NOTE: Programs may not require BIO 1500 or PSY 1879G but require courses with those as a prerequisite.

REGIONAL PT SCHOOLS:

C - CHICAGO STATE

E - ELMHURST

G - GOVERNOR'S STATE UNIVERSITY

M - MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY

R - RUSH

I - UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

In its simplest terms, occupational therapists help people of all ages participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities (occupations). Unlike other professions, occupational therapy helps people function in all of their environments (e.g., home, work, school, community) and addresses the physical, psychological, and cognitive aspects of their well-being through engagement in occupation.

An Occupational Therapist may have a Master's or Doctoral Degree; the entry-level degree requirement for the occupational therapist will move to the doctoral level by July 2027. Students enrolled at Eastern who decide to pursue a career in Occupational Therapy should complete a baccalaureate degree in an appropriate major, such as Psychology, Biology, Kinesiology, Neuroscience, Sociology, or Public Health, and apply to a graduate program. A 3.50 gpa and a solid performance on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), taken the summer before senior year, are required. Most programs also require 45+ experience hours with a licensed occupational therapist and three letters of recommendation (1 academic, 1 professional, and 1 of your choice).

Each OT program has different requirements, it is very important to identify which programs you plan to apply and plot out their requirements accordingly.

MAJOR ELECTIVES:

BIO 2210 (4) Anatomy and Physiology I

BIO 3210 (4) Immunology

BIO 3300 (4) General Microbiology

BIO 3312 (3) Horticulture

BIO 3322 (3) Dendrology

BIO 3450 (1-3) Independent Study

BIO 3451 (1-3) Undergraduate Research

BIO 3610 (3) Survey of Algae & Fungi

BIO 3612 (3) Plant Evolution & Diversity

BIO 3620 (4) Funct. Comp. Anatomy

BIO 3622 (4) Embryology

BIO 3624 (3) Histology

BIO 3628 (4) Evolutionary Medicine

BIO 3690 (4) Clinical Rotation

BIO 3700 (4) Parasitology

BIO 3710 (3) Plant-Animal Interactions

BIO 3720 (4) Entomology

BIO 3740 (3) Clinical Mycology

BIO 3810 (3) Freshwater Ecology

BIO 3850 (3) Environmental Biology

BIO 3888G (3) Tropical/Marine Ecology

BIO 3950 (3) Vertebrate Natural History

BIO 3952 (3) Invertebrate Natural History

BIO 3960 (1-4) Special Topics

BIO 4400 (1) Teaching in the Lab

BIO 4751 (3) Adv. Molec. & Cell Biol.

BIO 4800 (2) Research Techniques

BIO 4810 (4) Plant Ecology

BIO 4812 (3) Fisheries Ecology & Mgmt

BIO 4814 (3) Conservation Biology

BIO 4816 (3) Biotic Communities

BIO 4818 (4) Environmental Microbiology

BIO 4820 (4) Spatial Analysis for

Environmental Sciences

BIO 4830 (3) Comp. Vertebrate Physiology

BIO 4832 (4) Animal Behavior

BIO 4833 (4) Neurobiology of Diseases

BIO 4834 (3) Neurobiology

BIO 4835 (3) Advanced Neurobiology

BIO 4836 (4) Pathogenic Microbiology

BIO 4892 (4) Intro. Paleobotany

BIO 4914 (3) Plant Anatomy

BIO 4920 (3) Medicinal Plants

BIO 4940 (3) Phycology

BIO 4942 (3) Mycology

BIO 4944 (3) Lichens

BIO 4946 (3) Bryology

BIO 4948 (3) Plant Taxonomy

BIO 4950 (3) Ichthyology

BIO 4952 (3) Herpetology

BIO 4954 (3) Ornithology

BIO 4956 (3) Mammalogy

BIO 4960 (3) Wetland & Aqua. Vasc. Plants

BIO 4984 (3) Organic Evolution

Courses numbered 5000-5499 inclusive, may be taken by a senior whose graduation requirements average 2.75 or higher, with the permission of the instructor and the Dean of the Graduate School.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

American Occupational Therapy Association www.aota.org

Governors State University www.govst.edu

Midwestern University www.midwestern.edu

University of Illinois at Chicago www.ahs.uic.edu/occupational-therapy

Rush University www.rushu.rush.edu

Chicago State University www.csu.edu

Elmhurst College www.elmhurst.edu