Prerequisite Course Checklist

UMN Medical School requires medical school applicants to complete seven prerequisite courses at an accredited U.S.-based or Canadian university or college by the time they matriculate to medical school. Please use the guide below to help determine your coursework plan.

Required Courses

Check all completed courses:

☐ Biology with Lab
  - 1 Semester or Quarter
  - Any Level

Course Name:

☐ Chemistry with Lab
  - 1 Semester or Quarter
  - Any Level

Course Name:

☐ Additional Science 1 (Biology, Chemistry, and/or Physics)
  - 1 Semester or Quarter
  - Any Level

Course Name:

☐ Additional Science 2 (Biology, Chemistry, and/or Physics)
  - 1 Semester or Quarter
- Any Level

Course Name:

- Additional Science 3 (Biology, Chemistry, and/or Physics)
  - 1 Semester or Quarter
  - Upper-Level (as defined by your institution’s Registrar)
  - Completed at a four-year university or college

Course Name:

- Additional Science 4 (Biology, Chemistry, and/or Physics)
  - 1 Semester or Quarter
  - Upper-Level (as defined by your institution’s Registrar)
  - Completed at a four-year university or college

Course Name:

- Humanities or Social Science
  - 1 Semester or Quarter
  - Upper Level (as defined by your institution’s Registrar)
  - Writing Intensive*

Course Name:

*If your institution does not designate your intended course as writing intensive in the course title on your transcript, we will consider a humanities course that requires a 10+ page paper. If you intend to utilize this option, please send the syllabus (or other documentation from the Registrar) for the course when you submit your final, official transcripts to the Office of Admissions as a newly accepted student.

If your undergraduate institution has a policy in place that bars non-humanities majors from enrolling in an upper-level humanities course, we will consider exceptions with appropriate documentation.
Additional Coursework Policies

- A bachelor's degree and all prerequisite courses must be earned by July 1 of the year of matriculation. However, exceptions may be considered by the Director of Admissions.
- We will accept some of the above prerequisites from an accredited community college. We require you to take all upper-level science courses at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. or Canada.
- Individual coursework requirements cannot be fulfilled with College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credits or AP credits.
- All individual pre-requisite courses listed above must be completed through a U.S.-based or Canadian institution.
- Upper-level courses are typically those with a course number that begins with a 3 (300 or 3000) or higher. However, we are aware some undergraduate institutions have unique numbering systems, and will accept equivalent courses in such cases.
- Our preference would be for all prerequisite courses to have a letter grade. We will only accept prerequisites with a grade of "pass/fail" in limited situations.

The Office of Admissions cannot provide individual transcript evaluations for applicants. However, your academic advisor or pre-health advisor can work with you to determine if your coursework reasonably satisfies the requirements above. The Office of Admissions is glad to assist with specific questions relating to prerequisite coursework. If you have any questions about these policies, please contact the Twin Cities Office of Admissions (meded@umn.edu, 612-625-7977) or the Duluth Office of Admissions (dmeded@d.umn.edu, 218-726-8511).