



Articulation Office – Counseling Services & Special Programs

## ADVISEMENT INFORMATION FOR TRANSFER MAJORS

### **OPTOMETRY (PRE-OPTOMETRY) (UC BERKELEY, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY)**

A degree in Optometry provides professional training in the art and science of vision care. Doctors of Optometry are health care professionals. Optometry is a primary health care profession that encompasses the prevention and remediation of disorders of the vision system, through examinations, diagnosis, treatment, and/or management of visual efficiency, eye health, and related systemic manifestations. Optometry graduates are able to diagnose patients with ocular disease or systemic diseases with ocular manifestations.

***Requirements for admission to the schools and colleges of optometry vary. However, optometry schools generally require at least two (2) years of pre-optometric study, which should include:*** General biology or zoology (BIO 3A, 3B); general chemistry (CHEM 1A, 1B); general physics (PHYS 2A, 2B or 4A, 4B); college mathematics (MATH 124, 2 or 3A, 3B; and English composition (ENG 1A, 1B). ***Brief survey courses will not prepare a student for the schools and colleges of optometry. All of the schools and colleges require additional courses for admittance, and each optometry school and its own set of requirements.***

***Articulation agreements can change without notice at any point during your time at Saddleback College. Please refer to the college catalogs and websites of the transfer schools you are considering, as well as the state-wide articulation database for CSU and UC campuses, [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org), for the most current information. Students are urged to contact a Saddleback College counselor to review this information on a regular basis.***

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#### **UC BERKELEY**

##### **OPTOMETRY, PRE- PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION**

***All applicants to UC Berkeley's Optometry program are required to have a bachelor's degree.***

***Recommended Coursework:*** BIO 3A and 3B, 3C; CHEM 1A, 1B, (prerequisite for 12A);12A, 12B; ENG 1A and1B, 25; MATH 3A, 3B; PHYS 4A, 4B; PSYC 1; MATH 10; BIO 15, 11, 12

Refer to the UC Berkeley catalog, ASSIST at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org), and the Optometry Department website at <http://optometry.berkeley.edu/index.html> for further information regarding this program.



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#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY**

***A candidate for admission is required to complete at least 90 semester units at an accredited institution prior to enrollment.*** At least 60 units must be completed at the time of application. Preference for admissions will be given to applicants who have completed a baccalaureate degree or higher. Very few students are admitted by the Southern California College of Optometry without completing a baccalaureate degree.

***Recommended Lower-Division Preparation:*** BIO 3A, 3B, 15; CHEM 1A, 1B, 12A; ENG 1A, 1B; MATH 3A, 10; PHYS 2A, 2B; PSYC 1 ***and one (1) other transferable psychology course.***

***Additional recommended courses:*** BUS 1 ***and*** CIM 1

Students interested in this program should contact the Southern California College of Optometry at (800) 829-9949 and visit their website at: [www.scco.edu](http://www.scco.edu)

#### **NOTES:**

- As each college/university has its own orientation to their Optometry (Pre-Optometry) major, read the entire Optometry (Pre-Optometry) major section in the catalog of each college/university to which you are considering transferring. Pay particular attention to the upper-division requirements.
- Contact each college/university that you are interested in. Ask them to send you information about their Optometry (Pre-Optometry) program; selection criteria, GPA requirements, and other pertinent admissions information. Also, ask for information about their campus, services, housing, etc. Meet with college/university representatives when they visit Saddleback College.
- Visit each school to which you are considering transferring.
- Research careers related to your chosen major.
- For additional transfer information, consult Saddleback College's Transfer Student Home Page: [www.saddleback.edu/ss/tc/TRANSFERSTUDENTPAGE.html](http://www.saddleback.edu/ss/tc/TRANSFERSTUDENTPAGE.html)