

Pre-Pharmacy

University of Kansas

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Program Description

The KU School of Pharmacy (<http://www.pharmacy.ku.edu/pharmd/>) accepts approximately 150 new PharmD students each year. Candidates are encouraged to meet with a pre-pharmacy advisor each semester during the pre-pharmacy phase of study to review their academic record and prepare for the PharmCAS/PharmD application cycle.

Admission Requirements

- All 67 pre-pharmacy credit hours may be transferred from accredited colleges and must be completed with a "C-" grade or higher prior to entering the PharmD program.
- Students should apply for admission to the KU School of Pharmacy using PharmCAS (<https://www.pharmcas.org/>), typically during the fall-spring sequence in which the last of the 67 pre-pharmacy credit hours will reach completion.
- **Visit PharmCAS (<https://www.pharmcas.org/>) for application details.**
- New PharmD admissions are made only for the fall semester each year.
- The **minimum GPA for consideration is 2.50** overall, and 2.50 within science and math courses. Typically, KU PharmD admits average GPAs in the 3.40- to-3.50 range.
- The Pharmacy College Admission Test (**PCAT**) **is not required but we welcome PCAT score reports**. Three recommendations must be submitted via PharmCAS (<https://www.pharmcas.org/>) for admission.
- Traditionally, all chemistry and biology laboratory classes in the pre-pharmacy curriculum should be completed in a live classroom/lab format. Please contact Chris Claussen with questions about alternate lab formats allowed.
- KU pre-pharmacy requirements total a minimum of 67 credit hours, which include 55 credit hours of required science, math & communication coursework, and general education coursework.

The KU PharmD degree consists of a cumulative 207+ credit hours and is designed as a **6-year (2+4) program** with two+ years of pre-pharmacy coursework and four years of pharmacy school in the PharmD program. Historically, 1/3 of KU PharmD students are on the 2+4 timeline while another 1/3 started pharmacy school after completing a bachelor's degree or higher. The remaining 1/3 are in-between.

It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate information about the program, you must meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.

Pre-Pharmacy Requirements

The School of Pharmacy has been approved to have a permanent deviation from the standard Systemwide General Education requirements (KU Core 34), to modify where some of the 34 hours are now distributed. The adjustments were made in the following discipline areas:

- Natural & Physical Sciences – increased from 4-5 hours to 11 hours
- Social & Behavioral Sciences – decreased from 6 hours to 3 hours

- Arts and Humanities – decreased from 6 hours to 3 hours

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
BIOL 135	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology ^	4	BIOL 150	Cellular Molecular Biology	
Select one of the following:					
BIOL 140 & BIOL 225	Human Anatomy and Human Physiology* ^#	8	BIOL 240	Fundamentals of Human Anatomy AND BIOL 246 Principles of Human Physiology AND BIOL 247 Principles of Human Physiology Laboratory	
BIOL 144	Human Anatomy and Physiology*	5	No KU equivalent for BIOL 144, but counts as BIOL NPS		
BIOL 230 & BIOL 231	Microbiology* and Microbiology Lab* ^%	5	BIOL 400 & BIOL 402	Fundamentals of Microbiology and Fun of Microbiology Laboratory	5
CHEM 124 & CHEM 125	General Chemistry I Lecture* and General Chemistry I Lab* ^	5	CHEM 130	General Chemistry I	5
CHEM 131 & CHEM 132	General Chemistry II Lecture* and General Chemistry II Lab* ^	5	CHEM 135	General Chemistry II	5
CHEM 220	Organic Chemistry I* ^	5	CHEM 330 & CHEM 331	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I Laboratory	5
CHEM 221	Organic Chemistry II* ^	5	CHEM 335 & CHEM 336	Organic Chemistry II and Organic Chemistry II Lab	5
COMS 121	Public Speaking	3	COMS 130	Public Speaking	
Select one of the following:					
ENGL 121	Composition I*	3	ENGL 101	Composition	
ENGL 119	College Composition I with Review*	5	ENGL 101	Composition	3
ENGL 122	Composition II*	3	ENGL 102	Critical Reading and Writing	3
Select one of the following:					
MATH 231	Business and Applied Calculus I*	3	MATH 115	Calculus I	3
MATH 241	Calculus I*	5	MATH 125	Calculus I	4
Select one of the following:					
MATH 201	Statistics*	3	MATH 365	Elementary Statistics	3
MATH 285	Statistics for Business*	4	BSAN 202	Statistics	3
PSYC 209	Statistics in Psychological Research*	3	PSYC 210	Statistics Psychological Rsrch	3
PHYS 130	College Physics I*	5	PHSX 114	College Physics I	4

Core 34: Arts & Humanities: Visit the KU Core 34 General Education guide (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/transfer/files/transfer-guides/ku-core-requirements.pdf>) for JCCC equivalents.

Core 34: Social & Behavioral Sciences: Visit the KU Core 34 General Education guide (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/transfer/files/transfer-guides/ku-core-requirements.pdf>) for JCCC equivalents.

Core 34: U.S. Culture (institutionally designated): Visit the KU Core 34 General Education guide (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/transfer/files/transfer-guides/ku-core-requirements.pdf>) for JCCC equivalents.

Core 34: Global Culture (institutionally designated): Visit the KU Core 34 General Education guide (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/transfer/files/transfer-guides/ku-core-requirements.pdf>) for JCCC equivalents.

* JCCC Course has a corequisite or prerequisite.

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BIOL 225 - recommended by KU School of Pharmacy, transfer credit equivalent to KU's BIOL 246/247 automatically subs for the pre-pharmacy BIOL 546/547 requirement.

+ BIOL 144 Human Anatomy and Physiology* - if student takes only BIOL 144, KU School of Pharmacy strongly recommends also taking BIOL 225*

% BIOL 230 and BIOL 231 - transfer credit equivalent to KU's BIOL 200/203 automatically subs for the pre-pharmacy BIOL 400/402 requirement.

Questions? Contact Chris Claussen (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/pre-pharmacy/RxAdmissions@KU.edu>) at KU.

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