

# Preparation for Professional Study

## Business

The College provides no specific course of preprofessional studies to prepare students for graduate study in business administration. It is advisable for interested students to pursue a program of study that hones their quantitative, verbal, and written skills. In addition to course work required to complete their major, students should consider taking the following as electives.

- ECON 19800 and 19900. Introduction to Microeconomics and Macroeconomics
- STAT 22000. Introductory Statistics with Applications
- ENGL 13000. The Little Red Schoolhouse
- up to three of the courses at the Graduate School of Business that are open to qualified College students, including Financial Accounting (GSBC 30000)

Most graduate business schools require applicants to take the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT). Students planning to apply to graduate studies in business administration within two years of graduation should take the GMAT in the summer preceding their final year in the College; registration materials are available in the Office of Career Advising and Planning Services (CAPS). Graduate business schools typically expect matriculating students to have acquired several prior years of work experience.

## Health Professions

A broad liberal arts education provides an exceptional preparation for a career in the health professions. Meeting the general education requirements is an excellent beginning to such an education. Students are encouraged to then major in any discipline in which they have a strong interest, while making sure that they fulfill the common entry requirements for professional school. These include:

- 3 quarters of calculus (recommended)
- 3 quarters of physics with a laboratory
- 3 quarters of general chemistry with a laboratory
- 3 quarters of organic chemistry with a laboratory
- 3 quarters of biology with a laboratory
- 3 quarters of a general education humanities sequence (recommended)

The College offers alternative course sequences that fulfill each of these requirements. Some health professions schools have additional requirements and two additional upper-level courses in the biological sciences are strongly recommended as part of a student's preparation.

Students preparing for a career in the health professions are strongly encouraged to engage in research and to participate in activities that explore their interests in human service. Both on and off campus, a vast array of hospitals, community organizations, and student groups welcome student involvement.

Students who believe they may be interested in a career in one of the health professions should consult first with their College adviser and then with the health professions adviser for their entering class. The health professions advisers offer group and individual counseling, as well as seminars and workshops, to assist each student in preparing for professional education and, at the appropriate time, in the application process itself. More information is available from the health professions office in BSLC 102, and at *prehealth.uchicago.edu*.

## Law

The College does not offer a prelaw major, nor is there a single correct way to prepare for the study of law. More important than a specific major is the acquisition of certain skills necessary for the intelligent practice of law: the ability to communicate effectively in oral and written expression, a critical understanding of human institutions and values, and the ability to reason closely from given premises and propositions to tenable conclusions. Such skills can be developed in various majors and by taking courses in English language and literature, philosophy, American history, political science, mathematics, and economics. Students interested in a career in law should consult with the prelaw adviser in the College. For details, visit *<http://www.college.uchicago.edu>*.

## Research Opportunities

As a major research institution, the University of Chicago offers numerous opportunities for students to engage in research. Many departmental offices provide information about working with faculty members on research projects and in laboratories. For a database of opportunities for students in the College, visit the Fellowships, Research Opportunities, Grants, and Scholarships (FROGS) Web site at *<https://frogs.uchicago.edu/>*.