

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 six of the courses at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business that are open to qualified College students, including Financial Accounting (BUSF 30000)

Additional support is provided by the Chicago Careers in Business (CCIB) program. This structured three-year program is organized and managed by the Office of Career Advising and Planning Services (CAPS). Applications are accepted from all students, regardless of their major, early in Autumn Quarter of their second year. Components of the CCIB program include:

- Weekly mandatory business competencies workshops targeting career exploration, professional development, and technical skills acquisition
- Advising focused on preparing CCIB participants to begin their career in business and/or to apply to a graduate program in business administration
- Mentoring by students from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business
- Selected Chicago Booth courses or sections open only to undergraduates

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 exceptional preparation for a career in health and medicine. Upon meeting the College's general education requirements, students are encouraged to major in any discipline in which they have a strong interest while fulfilling the following common entry requirements for advanced study in the field:

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

The College offers alternative course sequences that fulfill each of these requirements, as listed on the Chicago Careers in Health Professions (CCIHP) website at chicagocareers.uchicago.edu/healthprofessions/.

CCIHP strongly recommends that students consider taking two upper-level biology courses as well as a course in biochemistry and a course in statistics. Some health professions schools have additional requirements. To ensure all requirements are met, students are encouraged to check directly with schools of interest.

CCIHP provides students with the resources and support to develop a customized portfolio of knowledge, skills, and experiences required for advanced study in allopathic (MD) and osteopathic (DO) medicine, public health (MPH), dental (DDS) and podiatric (DPM) practice, veterinary medicine (DVM), pharmacy (PharmD), and health services research (PhD). Components of CCIHP that empower students to achieve a high level of academic, professional, and personal success include:

- Academic preparation: collaborative study groups in key science courses
- Career exploration: research, clinical, and policy internships and externships
- Faculty engagement: informal faculty-student events to cultivate mentors
- Test preparation: customized, intensive MCAT course
- Application development: personal statement and interview skills workshops
- Professional development: communication and organizational skills presentations mentors
- Civic engagement: service opportunities coordinated with the University Community Service Center and student groups

Students preparing for a career in health and medicine are strongly encouraged to not only cultivate research and clinical skills but also to participate in their community. An array of community organizations, student groups, and alumni welcome student involvement.

Students interested in the health professions should consult first with their College adviser and then with CCIHP, which is located in Room 406 of the Harper Memorial West Tower.

Journalism

Journalism is a broad field, covering many subjects—politics, law, international relations, medicine, technology, fashion, entertainment, sports, the environment, and many others. It includes magazines, newspapers, television, radio, the Internet, and new media. Journalism is what is new and what is different—it is content.

The deep, rigorous education provided by the College is exceptional preparation for a student wanting to become an influential journalist. The Chicago Careers in Journalism (CCIJ) program helps students secure opportunities for practical experience in this competitive field. It is open to students at every stage of their academic careers. The program is organized and managed by the Office of Career Advising and Planning Services (CAPS). The components include:

- Individual mentoring to help students win internships and jobs in their particular areas of interest
- Workshops with professional journalists, including alumni journalists, to develop practical skills and networking opportunities
- Grants to help support students working in unpaid internships
- Advising student publications to help them grow and improve

College students are encouraged to major in any subject of their choice. Currently forty-seven majors are represented in the CCIJ program. Journalism is such a broad field that journalists cover a great variety of stories in their careers. It is important to learn to think critically, research deeply, write clearly, and gain an extensive understanding of the world.

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 Office of Career Advising and Planning Services. Details are available at *www.chicagogps.edu*.

Additional support is provided by the Chicago Careers in Law (CCIL) Program, which is organized and managed by the Office of Career Advising and Planning Services (CAPS). Alumni lawyers often participate in programs sponsored by CCIL that respond to specific areas of student interest (e.g., international law, intellectual property, government agencies). CCIL also helps students identify and secure internships with employers ranging from large law firms to public defender services. A prelaw adviser also assists students in targeting law schools, preparing successful applications, and choosing the most appropriate law school.