# Pre-Podiatry Scheduling and Timelines

**Scheduling of the Podiatric Medical School Pre-requisites.** Students should complete the core pre-podiatry science requirements before taking the MCAT. This can be accomplished in different ways, with the two most popular schedules shown in Table 1 below. These plans chart the minimum science coursework for students on a track that requires the MCAT over the four years that students are expected to be at Mercer University. Students must check the admission requirements of the individual podiatry schools to which they are likely to apply and to adjust their personal plans accordingly. Mercer University advisors recommend that during their first year, students create a personalized plan that includes the requirements of their major(s) and minor(s) and the admission requirements of their target schools, and takes into account initial math placement.

When creating their own 4-year plans, students should review the published lists of course offerings and consult the University catalog for information about course pre-requisites and offering frequency.

**AP, IB, and CLEP Credit to Fulfill Science Pre-requisites.** An increasing number of medical schools do not accept AP, IB, or CLEP credit to fulfill the core science pre-requisites. It is possible that podiatry schools will follow their example and stop viewing AP credit as a true college laboratory experience in the sciences. Students must check the policies of their target podiatry schools before using any AP or IB credit for biology, chemistry, or physics. In many cases, it is in the student's best interest to decline AP, IB, or CLEP credit for general chemistry, general biology, and physics, and take the actual college courses instead.

### Table 1. Scheduling of Science Pre-requisites

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Fall</th>
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<td><strong>A. Math Index Below 980</strong></td>
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| 1    | MAT 095 or 133  
PSY 101 or SOC 101?  | MAT 133 or math for major  
PSY 101 or SOC 101?  | Shadowing or other appropriate extracurricular experience |
| 2    | CHM 111  
PHY 141  
PSY 101 or SOC 101?  | CHM 112  
BIO 211  
PSY 101 or SOC 101?  | Shadowing or other appropriate extracurricular experience |
| 3    | CHM 221  
BIO 212  
PSY 101 or SOC 101?  | CHM 222  
PHY 142  
(BIO 310 recommended)  
Prepare for admission exam and application process  | Shadowing or other appropriate extracurricular experience |
| 4    | BMB 465  
(BIO 4XXL recommended)  
Prepare for admission exam and application process  | | |
| **B. Math Index At or Above 980** | | | |
| 1    | CHM 111  
PSY 101 or SOC 101?  | CHM 112  
BIO 211  
PSY 101 or SOC 101?  | Volunteer or Shadowing Experience or Independent Research Experience |
| 2    | CHM 221  
BIO 212  
PSY 101 or SOC 101?  
Declare Major  | CHM 222  
(BIO 310 recommended)  
PSY 101 or SOC 101?  | Volunteer or Shadowing Experience or Independent Research Experience |
| 3    | PHY 141  
BMB 465 or other BIO  
PSY 101 or SOC 101?  | PHY 142  
BMB 465 or other BIO  
PSY 101 or SOC 101?  
Prepare for admission exam and application process  | Volunteer or Shadowing Experience or Independent Research Experience |
| 4    | BMB 465  
(BIO 4XXL recommended)  
Prepare for admission exam and application process  | | |