

## Pre-AA Scheduling and Timelines

**Scheduling of AA School Prerequisites.** Pre-AA students should complete the majority of the science requirements for admission to AA school before submitting applications to graduate school, and certainly before taking the MCAT (if their preferred schools require the Medical College Admission test instead of the Graduate Record Exam for admission). 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 pre-AA track over the four years that students are expected to be at Mercer University. Pre-AA students must check the admission requirements of the individual graduate 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 prerequisites and offering frequency.

**AP, IB, and CLEP Credit to Fulfill Science Prerequisites.** An increasing number of medical schools (including Mercer University School of Medicine) do not accept AP, IB, or CLEP credit to fulfill the core science prerequisites. Because some AA programs may feel the same way, students should check their preferred graduate schools' policies regarding such credit. 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 Prerequisites**

**A. Math Index Below 980**

Year	Fall	Spring	Summer
1	MAT 095 or 133 <b>BIO 131</b>	MAT 133 or MAT 191 STA 126? <b>BIO 132</b>	Shadowing or other appropriate extracurricular experience
2	<b>CHM 111</b> <b>BIO 171</b>	<b>CHM 112</b> <b>BIO 172</b>	Shadowing or other appropriate extracurricular experience
3	<b>CHM 221</b> <b>BIO 260</b> PHY 141	<b>CHM 222</b> <b>BIO 280</b> PHY 142	Shadowing or other appropriate extracurricular experience
4	BMB 465	Prepare for admission exam and application process	Take admission exam; submit applications

**B. Math Index 980+**

Year	Fall	Spring	Summer
1	<b>CHM 111</b> <b>BIO 171</b> STA 126?	<b>CHM 112</b> <b>BIO 172</b>	Shadowing or other appropriate extracurricular experience
2	<b>CHM 221</b> <b>BIO 260</b>	<b>CHM 222</b> <b>BIO 280</b>	Shadowing or other appropriate extracurricular experience
3	PHY 141 BMB 465 or other BIO	PHY 142 BMB 465 or other BIO <i>If no gap year desired: prepare for admission exam and application process</i>	Shadowing or other appropriate extracurricular experience <i>If no gap year desired: take admission exam and submit applications</i>
4		<i>If gap year desired: prepare for admission exam and application process.</i>	<i>If gap year desired: take admission exam and submit applications</i>

Courses in **bold** are only taught during the semesters shown.

