

Mechanical Engineering Pre-Health Planning Guide

Please refer to Cornell Career Services [Pre-Health Academic Preparation](#) website for additional course options.

Medical School Requirement	Possible Degree Application
Biology (8 credits)	Advisor Approved Elective* (with permission of faculty advisor) or Technical Elective+
Biochemistry (3/4 credits)	Advisor Approved Elective* (with permission of faculty advisor) or Technical Elective+
Upper-level Biology (3/4 credits)	Advisor Approved Elective* (with permission of faculty advisor) or Technical Elective+ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although not required, students find that taking upper level biology courses useful in understanding advanced concepts and providing greater depth of preparation for MCAT exams
General Chemistry (8 credits)	CHEM 2090 - Engineering Common Curriculum CHEM 2080 - Advisor Approved Elective* (with permission of faculty advisor)
Organic Chemistry (8 credits)	Advisor Approved Elective* (with permission of faculty advisor) or Technical Elective+
English (writing intensive) (6 credits)	Engineering Common Curriculum (FWS)
Math	Calculus: MATH 1910 - Engineering Common Curriculum Statistics: Advisor Approved Elective* (with permission of faculty advisor) or Math Elective (if chosen from Department list)
General Physics (8 credits)	PHYS 1110, 1112, 2213 and 2214 - Engineering Common Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students complete the 8 credits of Physics requirements by completing PHYS 1112, and PHYS 2213 lectures and PHYS 1110 lab. Information covered in PHYS 2214 is recommended for the MCAT. Some medical schools may require two semesters of Physics lab. If another semester of lab is necessary a student must complete PHYS 2214.
Social Science	Liberal Studies Requirement or Advisor Approved Elective* (with permission of faculty advisor) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The "Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior" section of the MCAT covers topics taught in social sciences. Taking courses in Sociology, Psychology, Human Development, and Developmental Sociology can prepare students.

*Mechanical Engineering requires 6 credits of advisor approved electives.

+Mechanical Engineering requires one technical elective.

These guides are based on the 2021-2022 degree requirements.

For the most up to date information, consult with Engineering Advising, major departments, or the current [Engineering Undergraduate Handbook](#)

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