

Course Planning Guide for Pre-Med

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BIO 201 / 203L BIO 202 / 204L

MAT 181 (Calculus I) MAT 182 (Calculus II)

PSY 101 SOC 100

Sophomore

Fall Spring
CHE 201 / 201L

PSY 315 (stats)

Spring
CHE 202 / 202L

BIO 322 (genetics)

BIO 341 (ethical issues)

Junior

Fall Spring PHY 201 / 201L PHY 202 / 202L

BIO 372 / 374L (Cell and Molec) CHE 371 / 371L (Biochemistry)

BIO 352 /354L (physiology) BIO 379 (immunology)

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Senior

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BIO 331 / 333L (anatomy)

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