



UNION UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE of PHARMACY

DIRECT ADMISSION PROGRAM WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

The Union University College of Pharmacy has partnered with Arkansas State University to offer direct admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree program to interested undergraduate students. The purpose of the Direct Admission Program is to recruit highly qualified students early in their college careers and to streamline their admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program at Union University.

Benefits

- The Direct Admission Program guarantees admission to the Union University College of Pharmacy (UUCOP), pending successful adherence to progression and matriculation criteria.
- Direct Admission students are not required to take the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT).
- In some cases, undergraduate research opportunities may be available to qualified students.

Eligibility

- Students admitted to Arkansas State University as freshmen automatically qualify for direct admission to the UUCOP.
- A currently enrolled Arkansas State University student must complete a minimum of 28 of the required pharmacy prerequisite hours at Arkansas State University (at least 14 hours of science and math) with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Progression Criteria

To enter the Direct Admission program or to maintain eligibility:

- Students must notify the UUCOP Office of Admissions of the desire for Direct Admission by completing the form and submitting it to the UUCOP Office of Admissions no later than October 15. Registration with the UUCOP is critical as space is limited for each admitted class.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of ≥ 3.0 .
- Complete all pharmacy prerequisites prior to matriculation into the UUCOP with a grade of "C" or higher in each course.
- Achieve an ACT score ≥ 22 prior to matriculation into the UUCOP.
- Register for and complete a minimum of 14 hours per semester (fall and spring) at Arkansas State University.
- Submit an unofficial copy of student transcript to the UUCOP Office of Admissions at the conclusion of each semester.

Prerequisite Courses

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*Biology or Zoology	BIO 1303/1301 and BIO 2013/2011	8
*General Chemistry	CHEM 1013/1011 and CHEM 1023/1021	8
*Organic Chemistry	CHEM 3103/3101 and CHEM 3113/3111	8
*Human Anatomy and Physiology	BIO 2203/2201 and BIO 2213/2211 or BIO 3223/3221 and BIO 3233/3231	8
*Physics	PHYS 2054 or PHYS 2044	4
*Microbiology	BIO 4104	4
*Calculus	MATH 2204	4
*Statistics	STAT 3233	3
Written Composition	ENG 1003 and ENG 1013	6
Communications/Speech	SCOM 1203	3
*Humanities Elective	Multiple options	3
*Social Sciences Elective	Multiple options	3

Notes regarding prerequisites

Courses that will increase the strength of the applicant's candidacy include biochemistry, immunology, genetics, and a second semester of physics. Not all introductory courses in the sciences, calculus, or statistics will be accepted in fulfillment of pre-pharmacy requirements.

*For all science, calculus, or statistics courses, the prospective pharmacy student should take courses which are suitable for science majors intending graduate study and should include laboratories when available.

*Elective courses must conform to the following distribution and requirements:

- Humanities electives include courses from arts, history, language, literature, or philosophy.
- Social Sciences electives include courses from anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, or sociology

Matriculation

- Complete the PharmCAS application by September 1 of the year prior to matriculation and designate Early Decision.
- Participate in an onsite interview. The interview will be scheduled by the UUCOP Office of Admissions once the application is complete.

Additional Information

- Students may matriculate into the UUCOP once prerequisites are complete or after undergraduate degree completion (3 or 4 years of undergraduate coursework). In rare cases, exceptional students may be capable of matriculating upon completion of 2 years of undergraduate coursework.
- Conditional admission will be granted to Direct Admission students until the completion of the final undergraduate semester (contingent upon satisfactory spring courses).
- The UUCOP admits only one cohort per year in the fall.
- It is strongly recommended that candidates for the Direct Admission program gain work experience in a pharmacy setting prior to matriculation.

Other Admission Opportunities

If you do not qualify for admission to the PharmD program through Direct Admission, you may apply through the traditional method.

Effective

This agreement shall become effective upon signing by the appropriate individuals at both institutions, and shall remain in effect until terminated at the will of either party.

The agreement may be cancelled by either party with ninety (90) days written notice; however, the Direct Admission Program opportunity shall remain available to any student who was enrolled (and remained continuously enrolled) at ASU while the agreement was in effect.

Arkansas State University

By: 

Date: 9/25/18

Dr. Kelly Damphousse
Chancellor

By: 

Date: 9-24-18

Dr. Lynita Cooksey
Provost

Union University College of Pharmacy

By: 

Date: 7-30-2018

Dr. Sheila Mitchell
Dean



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Progression Criteria

- Complete all pharmacy prerequisites prior to matriculation into the Union University College of Pharmacy (UUCOP) with a grade of "C" or higher in each course.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA greater than or equal to 3.0.
- Achieve an ACT score greater than or equal to 22 prior to matriculation into the UUCOP.
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Notification of interest in Direct Admission should be given to the Union University College of Pharmacy Office of Admissions no later than **October 15**. Registration is critical as space is limited for each class.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have met the eligibility requirements, will adhere to the progression criteria and provide the necessary correspondence in order to matriculate into the Union University College of Pharmacy.

I wish to apply to the Direct Admission Program and plan to enter the Union University College of Pharmacy PharmD program Fall ____ (tentative).

STUDENT SIGNATURE

ID

DATE

STUDENT EMAIL

STUDENT PREFERRED PHONE

ADVISOR SIGNATURE

ADVISOR EMAIL