



• Prepharmacy

The prepharmacy curriculum at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, will prepare you for a successful transition into McWhorter School of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program.

Our fast-track options offer an incredible value for students and their families, saving both time and money in one's pursuit of both a bachelor's degree and a Pharm.D. In addition, with multiple joint degree options available, students have the potential to earn three degrees in a matter of six years.

At McWhorter School of Pharmacy, we combine scholarship, practice and service to prepare pharmacists who transform lives. For those who are called to care for others through pharmacy, Samford's prepharmacy curriculum will launch you on the right path.

Why Samford?

- Ranked #2 private school of pharmacy in the South by *U.S. News & World Report*
- Fast-track options save time and money with a total of only six years for prepharmacy and Pharm.D. combined
- The pharmacy school's director of admission advises all students
- Exclusive elective courses help students explore a career in pharmacy
- Students earn a B.S. in pharmacy studies upon the completion of their second year of pharmacy school, enabling them to pursue dual degrees
- Students may keep their scholarship all four years, even during their first two years of pharmacy school at the graduate level (for incoming freshmen awarded an annually renewable Samford scholarship)
- Numerous student organizations including a prepharmacy club

Prepharmacy Pathways at Samford

Early Assurance Program

Following admission to Samford University, students can apply to McWhorter School of Pharmacy's early assurance fast-track program. Qualifying students will be invited to interview for the Doctor of Pharmacy program as a high school senior and be notified of acceptance before starting their freshman year. If these students meet all progression standards throughout the two-year prepharmacy course work, they are guaranteed a seat in the first-year cohort.

Students selected for the early assurance program will receive a one-time \$2,000 scholarship, awarded upon entering pharmacy school if the benchmarks are met.

Traditional Program

Following admission to Samford University, students can pursue the prepharmacy pathway, which includes two years of prepharmacy course work. During their second year, students apply and interview for the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

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Plan of Study

COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
First Year		Second Year	
Fall 1		Fall 2	
Precalculus	4	Principles of Human Physiology	4
Foundations of Chemistry	4	Organic Chemistry I	3
Foundations of Chemistry Laboratory	1	Organic Chemistry I Laboratory	1
Communication Arts I	4	Calculus	4
Cultural Perspectives I	4	Biblical Perspectives	4
Total Credits	17	Concepts in Fitness and Health	2
		Total Credits	18
Spring 1		Spring 2	
Principles of Human Anatomy	4	Microbiology	4
Foundations of Chemistry II	3	Organic Chemistry II	3
Communication Arts II	4	Organic Chemistry II Laboratory	1
Cultural Perspectives II	4	Elementary Statistics	4
Total Credits	15	Liberal Arts*	4
		Total Credits	16
Summer 1		Total Credits Required	
Liberal Arts*	4		70
Total Credits	4		

*Choose either SOCI 100 (Introduction to Sociology) or PSYC 101 (General Psychology) for one of the liberal arts requirements. The remaining four credits may be chosen from courses in political science, history, foreign languages, philosophy, psychology, sociology, geography, economics, and either art, music or theatre appreciation.



Early Assurance Fast-track

Samford University offers a select group of incoming freshmen the opportunity to participate in our early assurance program. Upon successful completion of the two-year prepharmacy curriculum, students selected for this program are assured entry into our Doctor of Pharmacy program, provided they meet the following requirements.

Entering Requirements:

- Enroll at Samford as a first time, full-time freshman
- Must have a minimum 3.5 GPA (overall high school) and a minimum 3.4 "Prepharmacy Prep Courses" GPA at time of application
- Two letter of references, one being from a math or science teacher who has instructed the student and the other from the high school adviser/guidance counselor specifically addressing the student's academic potential in the overall areas of math and science (Letters from family members will not be accepted.)
- Successful interview by the school's admission committee—following the interview, the admission committee will make a decision for each applicant regarding an early assurance program (EAP) admission to Doctor of Pharmacy program

Benchmarks once enrolled at Samford:

- Achieve a 3.0 overall and math/science GPA each semester prior to enrollment at McWhorter School of Pharmacy
- Complete all university core and science courses at Samford*
- Enrollment in FOUN 102 Vocations Exploration in Pharmacy
- All prerequisite courses to be completed in two (2) academic years*
- Not found responsible for any campus values or other conduct violations
- Active participation in Samford's prepharmacy club and specific EAP events each semester

*Waivers may be considered case by case for exceptional circumstances.

Admission

Admission is a two-part process. First, prospective students must apply for admission to Samford at samford.edu/admission.

Traditionally, incoming freshmen must have a minimum ACT (or SAT equivalent) score of 22 to be eligible to declare prepharmacy as the plan of study. **But for the 2020-2021 application cycle, Samford University is waiving its ACT/SAT exam requirements for admission to the prepharmacy program.** This decision is a result of the limited number of ACT and SAT exams offered this year due to COVID-19.

Depending on the fast-track one selects, students will apply and interview for the Doctor of Pharmacy program as either a high school senior (early assurance fast-track program) or college sophomore (traditional fast-track program).

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