



DEPARTMENT OF  
OCCUPATIONAL  
THERAPY

ADVISING  
FRESHMEN AND  
SOPHMORES  
Fall 2011

# CORE GE REQUIREMENTS

- 39 UNITS
- Must be completed prior to enrolling in the OT major courses
- Many of the OT prerequisite courses are embedded within these Core GE areas

# AREA A

## **Basic Skills – 9 units**

- Written Communication - Eng 1A
- Oral Communication
- Critical Thinking

# AREA B

## Science and Mathematics

OT Prerequisites will satisfy this area

- B1 –Physical Science
  - Physics – lecture only no lab required
- B2 – Biological Science with lab
  - Anatomy – Biology 65
  - Physiology – Biology 66 – offered in spring semester only
  - Neuroanatomy – Biology 109 (not a general education requirement) – prerequisite is Biol 65
- B3 – Math
  - Statistics – Stats 95 OR
  - Health science 67

# AREA C

## **Humanities and the Arts – 9 units**

C1 – Arts

C2 – Letters

C3 – written Communication – English 1B

# AREA D

## **Social Science – 9 units**

D1- General Psychology

Psych 1

D2 – Comparative Systems

US History

D3 – Social Issues

Social Problems – Soc 80 OR

Cultural Anthropology – Anth 11

# Note

- Cultural Anthropology 11 is also listed under Area D1 along with General Psychology
- You must take General Psychology to satisfy the O.T. department's prerequisite
- Therefore if you choose to take Cultural Anthropology instead of Soc 80 – the second semester of the history classes will satisfy Area D3

# AREA E

Human Understanding and Development –  
3 units  
(no course recommendations)

# AREA F

U.S. Constitution and California Government  
6 units

Take 2 semesters of history to satisfy this requirement and also Area D2

History 15 A&B

Asian American Studies 33A&B

Mexican American Studies 010A&B

African American Studies 02A&B

Topics in American History Hist 170 &  
California Gov' t - Pols 001

# PREREQUISITES

- BIOL 65 ANATOMY w/ a CADAVER LAB
- BIOL 66 PHYSIOLOGY
- BIOL 109 NEUROANATOMY
- PHYSICS 1 ELEMENTARY PHYSICS
- PSYCH 1 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYCH 110 ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY



# MINIMUM GRADE REQUIREMENT

- Students must earn a minimum of a “C” in all prerequisite courses
- Courses may be repeated once only
- Students may petition the Department of Occupational Therapy to accept course work that was repeated more than once if there were extenuating circumstances that led to less than a “C” grade more than once.

# Prerequisites Continued

- All prerequisite courses (with the exception of Biol 109) and lower division general education courses may be taken at Community Colleges
- Student should be sure to request an official transcript be sent to SJSU for any courses taken outside of SJSU
- Student should also request a copy of the official transcript for themselves and one for the Department of Occupational Therapy

# Volunteer /Observation Prerequisites

- 40 HOURS VOLUNTEER WORK SUPERVISED BY AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
- 40 HOURS VOLUNTEER WORK AT A COMMUNITY SOCIAL AGENCY
  - GOODWILL
  - LIBRARY READING/LITERACY PROGRAM PROGRAMS
  - FOOD BANKS
  - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
  - SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTERS
  - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
  - MEALS-ON-WHEELS
  - RED CROSS

# Volunteer Experiences

- Volunteer documentation forms should be returned to the Department of Occupational Therapy in a sealed envelope
- Should a student receive a rating from the volunteer experience supervisor that indicates “I hesitate to recommend applicant” – this will be viewed as a “C-” grade and the student will be asked to repeat the experience.

# VOLUNTEER HOURS

- VOLUNTEER HOURS MUST BE TAKEN NO LONGER THAN 3 YEARS PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MAJOR COURSES

# ENROLLMENT CRITERIA

- PREREQUISITES MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ENROLLING IN OT MAJOR COURSES AND MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN NO MORE THAN 7 YEARS PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT IN THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MAJOR COURSES

# JUNIOR STATUS

- Students must have earned a minimum of 60 semester units prior to enrolling in the OT major courses and must have achieved junior standing by University standards.
- Students must have taken and passed or be eligible to take the Writing Skills Test (WST) by having passed English 1A and 1B prior to enrollment in the major OT courses.

- It is expected that students will have completed all lower division general education courses prior to enrollment in the OT major courses. Students who have been at SJSU since their frosh year may need to take 6-8 units of electives to be sure they have the required 120 units at the time of graduation.

# ADVISOR / ADVISING

- It is assumed that you have all declared occupational therapy as your major and that by the time you enroll in the OT major courses you will have achieved junior status by having completed 60 or more units.
- In order to change your major you must:
  - Have a 2.8 SJSU GPA
  - Bring your SJSU unofficial transcript & a change of major form to the Department office 203 or Prof Smith's office 207

# APPLICATION DATE

- APPLICATION TO THE DEPT OF OT BEGINS IN APRIL.
- THE DEADLINE IS **FRIDAY APRIL 13, 2012**

# Updated Information

- You should also make it a habit to check our web page at [www.sjsu.edu/occupationaltherapy](http://www.sjsu.edu/occupationaltherapy) for announcements concerning advising dates, the application process and other updated information pertinent to you as a pre-ot.
- You should also periodically check my bulletin board next to my office (CCB 207) or the OT Department Office (CCB 203) for announcements

# SOTA

- The Student Occupational Therapy Association is for all OT students. This Association plans education, social and philanthropic activities on a regular basis. A calendar of events can be found next to the stairwell next to CCB 209. You are invited to attend events, buy merchandise and get to know your fellow OT students.
- Membership is a onetime \$20 fee

# QUESTIONS?

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