



# DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

PATTERN I  
Bachelor Degree to Masters  
Degree  
Program

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# 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

# ADVISING

- Advising is mandatory in this department. A hold will be placed on your record each semester and will be removed by your advisor after this advising session.
- Advising typically takes place in late April and early May for the fall semester and in October for the spring semester

# 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.
- Notifications will also be posted outside of CCB 207 and 203

# ADVISING RESOURCES

- **CASA Student Success Center**
  - MacQuarie Hall Room 533
  - 408.924.2810
- **General Education Advising** 408.924.2810

# 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

# CHANGES IN ENROLLMENT POLICY OR PROCEDURES

- While the information in this presentation is based on current policy and procedures students should be aware that changes may be made at any time that may impact enrollment requirements. Students are urged to access the OT Dept web page as well as the Undergraduate Coordinator's bulletin board (outside of CCB 207) on a regular basis for updated information



# PREREQUISITES

# Science and Math Requirements

- BIOL 65 ANATOMY \*65L (Human Cadaver lab)
- BIOL 66 PHYSIOLOGY
- BIOL 109 NEUROANATOMY
- PHYSICS 1 ELEMENTARY PHYSICS
- STATS 95 STATISTICS

OR

- HS 67 STATISTICS

# Social Science Prerequisites

- PSYCH 1      GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY
  - PSYCH 110    ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
  - SOC 80        SOCIAL PROBLEMS
- OR
- ANTH 11      CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

# Skills Course Prerequisite

- STUDIO ARTS CLASS
  - LOOK FOR LISTING OF COURSES UNDER ART DEPARTMENT
  - THREE DIMENSIONAL COURSE IS PREFERRED SUCH AS: CERAMICS, SCULPTURE, WEAVING, CRAFTS, PAPER MAKING, JEWELRY, GLASS BLOWING, WOOD WORK
  - DRAWING AND PAINTING CLASSES WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED

# 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.

# 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

# WST

- Students must have taken and passed or be eligible to take the Writing Skills Test (WST) – by taking English 1A and English 1B or equivalent courses - prior to enrollment in the major OT courses or during the first semester of OT course work

- The WST should be taken as soon as possible upon admission to SJSU. It can also be taken prior to enrollment on this campus. After a year of English (English 1A and 1B) ,enough units to qualify as a junior and successful completion of the WST you will be eligible to take the Advanced General Education Courses known as SJSU Studies

# SJSU STUDIES

- All students must take 12 units of SJSU studies that are spread out over 4 areas.
  - Area S = Self and Society
  - Areas R = Earth and Environment
  - Area V = Civilization
  - Area Z = Advanced Writing
- \*100 W is a prerequisite** (this course must be taken 1<sup>st</sup> or concurrently with any of the Area S,R, or V courses)

# SJSU Studies

- The OT Department recommends you taking as many of these courses as possible prior to enrolling into the OT major courses although these courses are NOT considered to be prerequisite courses for the major.

- 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.

- Transfer students may want to obtain a general education certificate from their community college that verifies completion of courses that satisfy Areas A-E.
- Transfer students should be alerted to the fact that in spite of some G.E. courses not being required at a community college SJSU requires English 1B and a year of history that included California government.

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- MUST BE A STUDENT AT SJSU OR HAVE APPLIED TO SJSU
- MUST BE AN OT MAJOR
- MUST HAVE A MINIMUM CUMULATIVE G.P.A.OF 2.8
- MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING IN THE UNIVERSITY WITH A MINIMUM SJSU G.P.A. OF 2.8

# APPLICATION DATE

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

# REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION

- OT DEPT PERSONAL DATA FORM
- OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS FROM ALL SCHOOLS ATTENDED OTHER THAN SJSU
- UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS FROM SJSU
- OT AND COMMUNITY AGENCY VOLUNTEER HOURS SUBMITTED IN SEALED ENVELOPES
- PRINTED SCHEDULE OF COURSES CURRENTLY BEING TAKEN
- PRINTOUT OF ACADEMIC HISTORY

# ACADEMIC HISTORY ACCESS

- PRINT OUT A “PRINTER FRIENDLY” COPY THAT IS LEGIBLE
- WHEN PRINTING YOU MAY HAVE TO SHRINK THIS DOCUMENT TO BE SURE THE COLOR STANDARDS, (RED DOT, GREEN DOT, AND ORANGE TRIANGLE) ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR PRINTOUT
- MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE REPORT
- MAKE SURE THE REPORT INCLUDES STATISTICAL INFORMATION SUCH AS G.P.A.

- IT IS POSSIBLE YOUR REPORT MAY NOT BE COMPLETELY UP TO DATE. SOMETIMES IT TAKES SEVERAL SEMESTERS FOR ALL OF YOUR INFORMATION TO BE UPDATED BY STUDENT SERVICES. IF THIS IS THE CASE, PRINT OUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE AND INCLUDE THE DOCUMENT IN YOUR APPLICATION PACKET

# APPLICATION REVIEW

- OT DEPT ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN APRIL TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS
- SELECTION OF FALL CLASS WILL BE MADE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

# APPLICATION PROCESS CONTINUED

- DURING THE FIRST ROUND OF THE SELECTION PROCESS THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE SATISFIED ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ADMITTED DEPENDENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF SPACE:
  - 2.8 Cumulative and SJSU G.P.A.
  - Completion of prerequisite courses
  - Completed application packet
    - Personal Data Form – Personal Statement will be rated
    - Transcripts – official and unofficial (SJSU only)
    - Program of Study for Current Semester
    - Volunteer Documentation
    - Academic History if available

- Also taken into consideration will be
  - letter of intent
  - GPA of prerequisite courses
  - Completion of or eligibility to take the WST

# ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

- STUDENTS WHO HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS TO ENROLL IN THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MAJOR COURSES WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL.
- A LIST WILL ALSO BE POSTED OUTSIDE OF THE OT DEPARTMENT OFFICE (CCB 203) AND THE UNDERGRADUATE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE (CCB 207).

# KICK OFF EVENT

- THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND A MANDATORY ORIENTATION SESSION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FALL SEMESTER – THE DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE LETTER OF NOTIFICATION ALONG WITH THE NAMES POSTED ON THE OFFICE DOORS AS ALREADY INDICATED.

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM

- The OT program is a full time program. Students will take 12 units of occupational therapy courses during the 1<sup>st</sup> three semesters of course work and 9 in the fourth semester
- At the end of 4 semesters of undergraduate course work the student will have earned an undergraduate degree

# DEPARTMENT G.P.A. REQUIREMENTS

- By the end of the fourth semester of OT courses students must have earned a minimum 3.0 cumulative, SJSU, and 3.0 Departmental G.P.A in order to be considered for the graduate program.
- Failure to attain the 3.0 G.P.A. in both areas may result in the student not being eligible to apply to the OT graduate program

# ADVANCEMENT TO GRADUATE PROGRAM

- A minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 semester units of course work; 3.0 departmental G.P.A. based on the first 4 semesters of course work; and required Graduate Record Exam scores are needed to advance to the year long graduate program followed by six months of internship

- While students may graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy they will not be eligible to practice as an occupational therapist since they will not have: a) earned the required graduate degree nor b) completed the 24 weeks of required internship and therefore c) will not be allowed to take the National Certification Examination

# QUESTIONS?

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