DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

PATTERN I – TIP ADVISING
Bachelor Degree to Masters Degree Program
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational therapy is the art and science of helping people do the day activities that are important and meaningful to their health and well-being through engagement in valued occupations.
Occupations

“Occupation includes the day-to-day activities that enable people to sustain themselves, to contribute to the life of their family, and to participate in the broader society”.

(American Occupational Therapy Association)
CORE VALUES OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational Therapy is:
  - client-centered
  - occupation centered
  - evidenced-based
Once you have been declared as an OT major you are subject to all the rights and privileges that entails.

Your academic advisor is the Undergraduate Coordinator or Advisor who will meet with you a minimum of once per semester to guide you in the selection and progression of courses that will eventually prepare you for enrollment in the OT major courses.
Advising is mandatory in this department. A hold will be placed on your record each semester and will be removed by your advisor after an advising session such as this.

Advising typically takes place in late April and early May for the fall semester and in October for the spring semester.
Advising Continued

- You should make it a habit to come to the OT Department at least twice a month to see if there are any notices posted on the Department Office door CCB 203 that pertains to you. The notices will be for PRE-OT STUDENTS which is how you will be designated until you enroll in the major courses.
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.
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.
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 on a regular basis for updated information.
Science and Math Requirements

- BIOL 65  ANATOMY
- 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
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.
If English 1B or its equivalent is being used to satisfy Area A3 (Critical Thinking) then the student must have an additional course in Area C1 or C2 in order to clear Area C3, which is listed as English 1B on this campus.
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.
WRITING SKILL TEST (WST)

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.
For further information about the Writing Skills Test students may log on to MySJSU for registration appointments
Students may also check the Undergraduate studies website – www.sjsu.edu/ugs/students/WST/ for more information about these options and the dates for the WST
SJSU STUDIES

- All students must also 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 = HPRF 100w
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.
OBSERVATION / VOLUNTEER PREREQUISITES

- 40 HOURS VOLUNTEER WORK SUPERVISED BY AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
- 40 HOURS VOLUNTEER WORK AT A COMMUNITY SOCIAL AGENCY
  - RED CROSS
  - GOODWILL
  - LIBRARY READING PROGRAMS
  - FOOD BANKS
  - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
  - SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTERS

  AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
  MEALS-ON-WHEELS
  LITERACY PROGRAM
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
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 taken English 1A and English 1B or their equivalent courses - prior to enrollment in the major OT courses or during the first semester of OT course work
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 only taken lower division general education and OT prerequisite courses may need to take 6-8 units of electives to be sure they have the required 120 units at the time of graduation.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

☐ MUST BE A STUDENT AT SJSU OR HAVE APPLIED TO SJSU

☐ MUST BE AN OT MAJOR
FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE TRANSFERRING WITH “UNDECLARED” STATUS YOU MUST COMPLETE A FULL SEMESTER OF COURSE WORK AT SJSU BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO SUBMIT A “CHANGE OF MAJOR” REQUEST
- 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. DEADLINE DATES WILL BE POSTED IN DEPT OFFICE AND ON OT WEBSITE
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
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 SELECTION PROCESS

- STUDENT MUST HAVE ACHIEVED JUNIOR STATUS OR WILL HAVE WHEN THE FALL CLASSES BEGIN (56-60 SEMESTER UNITS)

- NUMBER OF PREREQUISITES COMPLETED AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION REVIEW

- STUDENT’S WST STATUS INCLUDING ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE WRITING SKILLS TEST IF NOT ALREADY TAKEN AND PASSED
APPLICATION PROCESS

- 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:
APPLICATION PROCESS CONTINUED

- IF SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE AFTER THE INITIAL ENROLLMENT SELECTION THE NEXT GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO WILL BE CONDITIONALLY ADMITTED INTO THE OT MAJOR COURSES WILL BE THOSE APPLICANTS WHO HAVE THE FEWEST PREREQUISITES TO COMPLETE BY THE END OF THE SPRING SEMESTER AND WHO SUBMIT THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY THEIR COMPLETION.
APPLICATION PROCESS CONTINUED

- IF SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE THEN THE NEXT COHORT OF STUDENTS SELECTED WILL BE BASED UPON THE NEXT FEWEST NUMBER OF PREREQUISITES IN PROGRESS THAT WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF JUNE

- THIS PROCESS WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL A COHORT OF STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ADMITTED
FORFEIT OF SPACE

- SHOULD A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTED FAIL TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS AS INDICATED THEIR SPACE WILL BE GIVEN TO ANOTHER STUDENT

- SPACES ARE NOT HELD FOR STUDENTS WHO DO NOT PASS A COURSE EVEN IF THE STUDENT PLANS TO REPEAT THAT COURSE DURING THE SUMMER
ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

- STUDENTS WHO HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS TO ENROLL IN THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MAJOR COURSES WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL.
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 all areas will result in the student not being eligible to apply to the OT graduate program.
GRADUATE RECORD EXAM

- By the end of the 3rd semester Graduate Record Examination (G.R.E.) scores should be submitted to the department.
- Satisfactory scores will advance the student to "conditionally classified" graduate status.
G.R.E. MINIMUM SCORE REQUIREMENT

☐ A combined score of 1000 on quantitative and verbal scores must be achieved.

☐ Minimum GRE verbal score of 450 and a minimum writing score of 3.5 must be achieved.
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 3 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.
GRADUATE YEAR

After having satisfied all University and Department of Occupational Therapy requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy

And after having successfully applied to and been accepted by Graduate Studies into the Department of Occupational Therapy Graduate Program
The student will engage in a year of graduate course work in an active learning environment that will stimulate students to develop strong clinical reasoning and creative problem solving capabilities.
GRADUATE COURSES

The graduate level courses provide knowledge in occupational theory and practice, management, history, education and research. Students will gain knowledge of emerging policies, laws and trends that are impacting the practice of occupational therapy; assist faculty by teaching in the undergraduate courses; continue in their development of professional behavior and internalize the core values of the occupational therapy profession and its code of ethics.
LEVEL II FIELDWORK (Internship)

- Upon successful completion of the graduate courses the student will be assigned to two – twelve week fieldwork sites with emphasis on Mental Health and Physical Disability client populations.

- These internships will occur during the summer and fall after completion of coursework.
GRADUATION

Upon completion of fieldwork the student will have earned a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy and will therefore be eligible to apply to sit for the National Certification Examination.

Successful passing of the examination will allow the student to become a licensed and practicing occupational therapist.
GRADUATION

DECEMBER

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THE END
QUESTIONS

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