DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Undergraduate Advising
Fall 2014
Welcome to Advising

- **Purpose**
  - Learn about the Entry Level Masters (ELM) Program in Occupational Therapy
  - Learn about the Criteria for applying to the ELM Program
  - Discuss the prerequisites
Updated Information

- Please make it a habit to check the web page at www.sjsu.edu/occupationaltherapy under “Programs” for updated information
- Also check notices outside CCB 207
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.
Pre-OT Club

- The Occupational Therapy Pre-OT Club is open to all interested students.
- Learn more about occupational therapy, network with other students interested in occupational therapy and attend events with ELM students.
- Meets monthly.
- For more info, see the SJSU OT website.
Entry Level Masters Program

- Any undergraduate degree is accepted.
- 2 year academic program followed by 6 months of full-time (unpaid) internship.
- Cohorts are accepted in the Fall each year.
- Cohorts follow a set schedule of classes – 15 units per semester.
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.
Curriculum

- 4 academic semesters – Six clusters:
  - Occupation—the core of the profession
  - Foundations for occupational therapy practice
  - Professional development
  - Practice in the community
  - Research and knowledge development,
  - Practice of occupational therapy
International Experience

- Beginning in Fall 2015, all students in the OT program will be required to participate in an international experience as a part of their academic program.
- Details of this are on the SJSU OT website
Level I Fieldwork & Clinics

- Several opportunities to work with clients
- Level I fieldwork
- Community Practice course
- Clinic
Applying to the ELM Program

- Applications are accepted from October 1st to February 1st
- Acceptance is on a rolling basis
- Students are conditionally accepted for the following Fall
- You must graduate by the end of the Spring semester for Fall admission
Criteria to apply

- Undergraduate degree
- At least a 3.0 in the last 60 semester or 90 quarter units of coursework
- Complete 6/8 prerequisite courses with a B or better
- Complete 40/80 volunteer hours
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Complete the GRE or MAT with minimum required scores
Science and Math
Prerequisites

- BIOL 65  
  ANATOMY with a lab *65L
- BIOL 66  
  PHYSIOLOGY
- BIOL 109  
  NEUROANATOMY
- 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 “B” in all prerequisite courses
- Courses may be repeated once only (unless there are special circumstances)
- All prerequisite courses (except Bio 109) may be taken at a community college and they can be taken after you graduate with your undergraduate degree
Volunteer Experience Requirement

- 60 hours of volunteer work supervised by a licensed occupational therapist. These should be in two different practice areas.

- 20 hours of volunteer work at a community social agency

- VOLUNTEER HOURS MUST BE TAKEN NO LONGER THAN 3 YEARS PRIOR TO APPLYING TO THE ELM PROGRAM
Volunteer Experiences

- Volunteer forms are available on the website and should be returned to the Department of Occupational Therapy in a sealed envelope. A “Right of Access to Letter of Recommendation” must accompany each volunteer form.
Letters of Recommendation

- Cannot be from the same person who completed the volunteer form
- One letter must be from an academic source and should speak to your academic ability
Application

- Applications will be accepted on OTCAS – Occupational Therapist Centralized Application Service
  https://portal.otcas.org/

- Volunteer Forms and Unofficial GRE/MAT scores are sent to the OT department. A copy of your application and personal statement are also sent to the OT office.
Application to the University

- You must also apply to SJSU Graduate Admissions & Program Evaluation (GAPE)
- The application is available at CSU/Mentor [https://secure.csumentor.edu/](https://secure.csumentor.edu/)
- You must send official transcripts and official GRE/MAT scores to GAPE
- Applications accepted Oct 1-Feb 1
Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller Analogy Test (MAT)

- Must be taken prior to applying to the program
- Minimum score requirements posted on the website
- Take the GRE or MAT early so that if you need to re-take it you have plenty of time
- We will accept the best scores if you take the test more than one time
Applicant Selection Process

- OT Admissions Committee reviews all applications

- SELECTION OF FALL CLASS WILL BE MADE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:
  - Personal Statement
  - GRE/GPA
  - Letters of Recommendation
  - Volunteer Evaluations
Advising Resources

- **CASA Student Success Center**
  - MacQuarrie Hall Room 533
  - GE Advising by appointment
  - (408) 924-2810

- **General Education Advising**
  - (408) 924-2129
Questions???

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