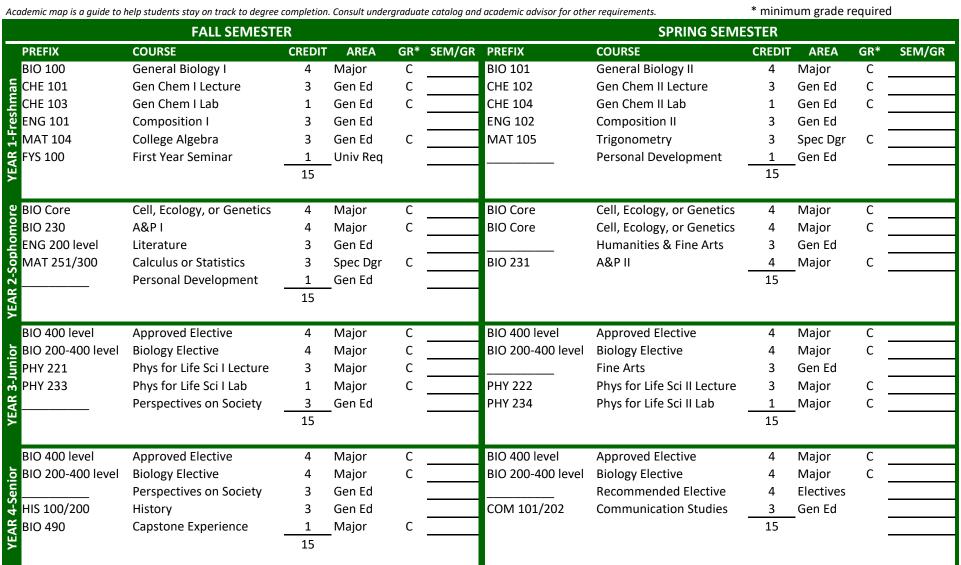
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Additional Notes:

- Most physical therapy (PT) programs lead to doctoral degrees. Completion of a baccalaureate degree is required prior to entering PT school. Requirements described here lead to a BS Degree in Biology and include additional courses typically required by PT schools, such as the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC). After completing your baccalaureate degree, three additional years are required at PT school.
- The PT program at UMMC begins each May. Application deadline is usually November 1, but check website for current deadline.
- A baccalaureate degree from Delta State requires a minimum of 120 credit hours. Of that 120 hours, at least 60 must be taken at a senior college, at least 30 must be taken at DSU, and at least 40 must be 300- or 400-level courses. Courses taken at 2-year schools cannot be counted at the 300- or 400- level. 24 of the last 30 hours must be taken at DSU.
- Enrollment in upper-level BIO courses (BIO 200 and above) requires that you have "Full Admission" status. You have full admission status if you have completed BIO 100, 101, and CHE 101, 102, 103, and 104 with no grades below C. Consult the Catalog or the Division of Mathematics and Sciences.
- Admission to PT school requires completion of a baccalaureate degree plus specific prerequisite courses. Completion of the curriculum described in this academic map meets the requirements for (1) the DSU BS degree with major in biology and (2) any additional courses required by the PT program at UMMC.
- The 8 specific courses required for the UMMC PT program are: BIO 100/101 General Biology (2 courses); CHE 101/102/103/104 General Chemistry with labs (2 courses); PHY 221/222/233/234 Physics for the Life Sciences with labs (2 courses); MAT 300 Statistics (1 course), BIO or CHE 300 or above advanced science (1 course).
- Overall GPA must be 3.0 or above. Grades for all required courses must be C or above. (Accepted applicants usually have a significantly higher GPA.) Science courses designed for non-science majors are not acceptable.
- At least 5 of the 8 prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the fall semester of the year of application. Applicants accepted for admission must complete all prerequisite courses before enrolling in PT school.
- For UMMC, 40 hours observation time in a minimum of two physical therapy clinical departments for practices is required (additional hours and sites recommended). A
 maximum of 20 hours may be used from any one site. Hours earned through employment will not be accepted. All observation hours must be in the current year of application.
 You must submit a verification form for observation by application deadline. The form for this purpose can be downloaded from the UMMC SHRP website.
- Credit for physical education, military science, dogmatic religion, vocational courses, and science courses designed for non-science majors may not be counted toward the prerequisites for professional school.
- A score on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required. It is important to prepare for this exam. Your GRE score is an important criterion used by PT schools to determine who will be awarded for admission. For more information on the GRE, see http://www.ets.org/gre
- For more information on physical therapy programs, visit websites of the schools you plan to apply to, such as UMMC at http://www.umc.edu/shrp and UT at www.uthsc.edu/allied/pt
- IMPORTANT: Application to health professional schools is very competitive. Completion of the minimum requirements will not ensure admission. Admission decisions are based on policies established by the professional school's faculty and admission committee. Successful applicants typically have GPAs and other qualifications well in excess of stated minimums. Talk to your advisor for more information on what is realistically needed to have a good chance of getting into your desired professional program.