

PREPARATION FOR PROFESSION: AFFILIATED PROGRAMS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS

The undergraduate program at Skidmore affords preparation for graduate work either in the liberal arts or in the professions. Students interested in advanced degrees should consult the appropriate department as soon as possible in their undergraduate careers. A number of preprofessional programs, such as premed and prelaw, are supported by special advisors at the college.

Most graduate schools require an appropriate entrance exam:

- the MCAT for medical school
- the LSAT for law school
- the GMAT for business school
- the GRE for most other graduate programs

Many graduate programs in an academic discipline leading to an M.A. or Ph.D. require competence in one or two foreign languages.

Most professional schools advise students to obtain a sound foundation in the liberal arts, in addition to the necessary preprofessional courses, as the best preparation for admission. This holds true for engineering, law, medicine, social service, and teaching certification.

Business Administration

Skidmore College offers qualified students the opportunity to earn a baccalaureate from Skidmore and a master's degree in Business Administration, Finance, or Accounting through cooperative programs at Clarkson University, Union Graduate College, Syracuse University, and Rochester Institute of Technology.

The 4 + 1 M.B.A. Program with Clarkson University

In this program, students earn a baccalaureate from Skidmore and a master's degree in business administration from Clarkson in the year following Skidmore graduation. Normally, the M.B.A. requires two or more graduate years to complete.

Under special agreement, students plan their undergraduate programs to include certain foundation courses normally taken in the first year of study in an M.B.A. program. In addition to completing the foundation equivalents, students will meet Clarkson's prescribed admission standards.

Foundation requirements include satisfactory completion of a total of 27 semester hours. See 4 + 1 M.B.A. Program with Clarkson University for details of the requirements.

The 4 + 1 M.B.A. Program with Rochester Institute of Technology

In this program, students earn a baccalaureate from Skidmore and a master's degree in business administration from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in the year following Skidmore graduation. Under special agreement, students plan their undergraduate programs to include certain foundation courses normally taken in the first year of

study in an M.B.A. program. M.B.A. programs typically take two or more years to complete.

Foundation requirements include satisfactory completion of 12 courses.

In addition to completing the foundation requirements, students must meet RIT's prescribed admissions standards. See *4 + 1 M.B.A. Program with Rochester Institute of Technology* for more information.

Graduate Program Affiliations with Syracuse University are currently being revised. Details forthcoming.

Wake Forest University Master of Science in Accountancy Key School Agreement

In this program, five students graduating from Skidmore College and majoring in management and business may qualify for and enroll in the Wake Forest University Master of Science in Accountancy program each year. Admitted Skidmore students will receive a minimum \$10,000 per semester tuition scholarship as well as be considered for competitive merit-based scholarship awards. One admitted Skidmore College applicant will be designated the "Skidmore College Accounting Fellow" and will sit on the MSA Program's Student Advisory Council. Consult the Department of Management and Business for details on additional admissions criteria.

Education

Effective for the Graduating Class of 2017 and Later

Through a cooperative agreement with Clarkson University, Skidmore College offers qualified students the opportunity to complete their Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree at Clarkson University in one calendar year following the completion of their undergraduate studies at Skidmore. Candidates may pursue the MAT degree in any of the following secondary disciplines:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- English
- French
- Geoscience
- German
- History/Social Studies
- Classics (Latin)
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Spanish

Qualified Skidmore students receive preferred admission into the MAT program at Clarkson. To qualify, students must

1. have passed ED 233 Emergent Literacy Adolescent Development or PS 204 Educational Psychology with a B or better,
2. have completed at least one semester of foreign language,
3. have completed a full major in the area of study they wish to pursue in the MAT degree,
4. graduate from Skidmore with a cumulative grade point average of 3.000 or higher, both in their major and in their overall program, and
5. have GRE results in the top 50th percentile.

A four-day structured field experience is a required prerequisite; exceptions may be made with permission of the chairperson for the Department of Education at Clarkson. Applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher will receive an automatic, two-course reduction in tuition.

Because students completing the MAT degree must have fulfilled certain course requirements within their field of study, early advising at Skidmore is important. Students interested in pursuing the agreement should consult with the Skidmore liaison, Shannon Rodriguez in the Career Development Center, before the end of the first semester of the junior year.

Engineering

Skidmore College offers qualified students the opportunity to earn dual degrees in liberal arts and engineering through cooperative programs with Dartmouth College, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. These are challenging programs designed for the student who has strong preparation in mathematics and physical sciences, and above average problem solving skills.

Interested students should be aware that each program has prerequisite courses that must be completed at Skidmore or elsewhere before study may begin at the host institution. Scheduling of such courses is normally arranged with the assistance of Skidmore's Engineering Advisory Committee. Students should register their interests with the engineering coordinator, Professor Mark Hofmann, at the earliest possible date.

Dual-Degree Program with Dartmouth College

Through a cooperative arrangement with the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College, students may earn both the Bachelor of Arts degree from Skidmore at the end of the fourth year and, at the end of the fifth year, the Bachelor of Engineering degree from Dartmouth. Normally, students spend their junior and fifth year at Dartmouth, returning to Skidmore in their senior year to finish their Bachelor of Arts degree requirements (2-1-1-1 option). In unusual circumstances, it may be possible to spend successive years at Dartmouth, beginning with the senior year (3+2 option; see the engineering coordinator for relevant details). In either case, some courses taken at Dartmouth may count toward major requirements at Skidmore.

An additional one or two years may lead to the master of engineering management or the Master of Science degree from Dartmouth. See Engineering Dual Degree Program with Dartmouth College for details.

Dual-Degree Program with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

A cooperative agreement with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) allows students at Skidmore to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree from Skidmore and a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from RPI in five years of study, through either a 2-1-1-1 or a 3+2 option.

See *Engineering Dual Degree Program with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute* for details.

Law

The law school admissions process is highly competitive. While there is no prescribed course of study for the undergraduate who plans to attend law school, a strong academic record is the best preparation.

Law schools emphasize the importance of a broad liberal arts education. The ability to analyze critically, and synthesize material, and the power of organization, clear expression, and sound judgment are desirable. Well-

developed skills in reading, speaking, and writing are essential. Students are encouraged to choose courses widely, concentrating in an area that is of most interest to them.

Practically all law schools require the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) of the Educational Testing Service. Students should consider taking their exam in the spring of their junior year. Students should submit several law school applications early in the fall of their senior year, and may want to consider retaking the LSAT in October.

A prelaw advisor counsels students preparing for law, assisting them in evaluating law schools and in preparing effective applications.

Health Professions

Health Professions Advisory Committee Contacts:

Kelly Sheppard (chair)
Tracy Broderson (administrative assistant)
Shannon Rodriguez (career counselor)

The Health Professions Advisory Committee (HPAC) at Skidmore offers counseling to pre-health professions students in their undergraduate curriculum planning and application process to health professional schools. Those health professions include:

- medical doctor (MD; allopathic medicine)
- osteopathic doctor (DO; osteopathic medicine)
- dentist
- veterinarian
- physician assistant
- nurse
- nurse practitioner
- physical therapist
- chiropractor
- public health
- podiatry
- and others

(Students interested in clinical Psychology should consult the Psychology Department, not HPAC).

Students with an interest in the health professions should join the Student Health Professions Network once they arrive to Skidmore to be assigned a health professions advisor and to be added to the health professions communication list. The HPAC office is located in Dana Science Center, room 313, and HPAC information is online at skidmore.edu/academics/health (<http://skidmore.edu/academics/health/>).

Medical, Dental, or Veterinary School

Students who plan to apply to medical, dental, or veterinary schools should consult with their health advisor early in their college careers and before registration each semester so that they can plan their courses at Skidmore to include those that will prepare them for the standardized admissions tests and satisfy the course prerequisites required by various health professional schools. Students may choose any major, but the following courses are recommended by the majority of health professional schools as minimum requirements:

Code	Title	Hours
English Courses		
Select two courses in English		8
General Biology with Lab Courses		
Select two courses in general biology with lab		8
Chemistry with Lab Courses		
<i>General Chemistry</i>		
CH 125 or CH 126	Principles of Chemistry Principles of Chemistry	4
<i>Organic Chemistry</i>		
CH 221 & CH 222	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry II	10
<i>Biochemistry</i>		
CH 341	Biochemistry: Macromolecular Structure and Function with Lab	5
Calculus Courses		
Select two courses in calculus		8
General Physics with Lab Courses		
Select two courses in general physics with lab		8
Total Hours		51

Students should be aware that additional specific requirements may be set by individual medical, dental, or veterinary programs.

Early Assurance Program with Albany Medical College

In partnership with the Albany Medical College (AMC), Skidmore offers students from historically underserved populations admission to AMC through an early assurance program. Students accepted into the program must complete all prerequisite courses, a scholarly investigative project, and maintain grade and GPA expectations to remain eligible; the requirement of the MCAT exam is waived. Students also are expected to participate in extracurricular activities and meaningful community service in order to gain experience in the areas of health care and/or research.

Students considering this program should consult with a health professions advisor early in the sophomore year. Students may apply at the end of the sophomore year if they have met the following criteria:

- completion of Principles of Chemistry and one year of general biology, one year of organic chemistry, or one year of general physics;
- a minimum overall GPA of 3.500;
- a minimum GPA of 3.500 across courses completed in biology, chemistry, physics, and math;
- greater than a 1400 on the SAT's or greater than a 31 on the ACT's.

Prerequisite Courses

Code	Title	Hours
BI 107	Molecular and Cellular Foundations of Life	4
BI 108	Organismal Biology	4
CH 115	Fundamentals of Chemistry with Lab ¹	4
CH 125 or CH 126	Principles of Chemistry Principles of Chemistry	4
CH 221	Organic Chemistry I	5
CH 222	Organic Chemistry II	5
PY 207		4
PY 208		4

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If required as a prerequisite for CH 125 Principles of Chemistry or CH 126 Principles of Chemistry

Nursing

Skidmore College offers qualified students seeking certification in nursing from the NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing preferred consideration by NYU Admissions, but with no guarantee of acceptance. The final decision for admittance to the program rests with NYU Admissions. Students earn the baccalaureate degree from Skidmore College and a second baccalaureate degree in nursing from NYU in an accelerated 15-month program. Interested students are encouraged to seek advice from Kelly Sheppard, chair of the Health Professions Advisory Committee.

See *Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S., with the major of nursing)* from New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing for details of the program.

Allied Health Professions: Doctor of Physical Therapy and Master of Science in Occupational Therapy with Russell Sage College

Skidmore College offers qualified students the opportunity to earn dual degrees in liberal arts and sciences and professional degrees in physical therapy and occupational therapy through cooperative programs at Russell Sage College. Students receive preferred acceptance into Russell Sage College and may earn a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (OT) through a cooperative 4 + 2 program, or a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) through a cooperative 4 + 3 program. These are challenging programs designed for students interested in entering the allied health professions. See Allied Health Professions for details of the program. Interested students are encouraged to seek advice from Kelly Sheppard, chair of the Health Professions Advisory Committee.