

# Preparation for Professional Study

## Business

The College provides no specific course of preprofessional studies to prepare students for graduate study in business administration. It is advisable for interested students to pursue a program of study that hones their quantitative, verbal, and written skills. In addition to course work required to complete their major, students should consider taking the following as electives.

- ECON 19800 and 19900. Introduction to Microeconomics and Macroeconomics
- STAT 22000. Introductory Statistics with Applications
- ENGL 13000. The Little Red Schoolhouse
- up to three of the courses at the Graduate School of Business that are open to qualified College students, including Financial Accounting (GSBC 30000)

Additional support is provided by the Chicago Careers in Business (CCIB) program. This structured three-year program is organized and managed by the Office of Career Advising and Planning Services (CAPS). Applications are accepted from all students, regardless of their major, early in Autumn Quarter of their second year. Components of the CCIB program include:

- Weekly mandatory business competencies workshops targeting career exploration, professional development, and technical skills acquisition
- Advising focused on preparing CCIB participants to begin their career in business and/or to apply to a graduate program in business administration
- Mentoring by students from the Graduate School of Business (GSB) at the University of Chicago
- Selected GSB courses or sections open only to undergraduates

Most graduate business schools require applicants to take the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT). Students planning to apply to graduate studies in business administration within two years of graduation should take the GMAT in the summer preceding their final year in the College; registration materials are available in the Office of Career Advising and Planning Services (CAPS). Graduate business schools typically expect matriculating students to have acquired several prior years of work experience.

## Health Professions

A broad liberal arts education provides an exceptional preparation for a career in the health professions. Meeting the general education requirements is an excellent beginning to such an education. Students are encouraged to then major in any discipline in which they have a strong interest, while making sure that they fulfill the common entry requirements for professional school. These include:

- 3 quarters of calculus (recommended)
- 3 quarters of physics with a laboratory
- 3 quarters of general chemistry with a laboratory
- 3 quarters of organic chemistry with a laboratory
- 3 quarters of biology with a laboratory
- 3 quarters of a general education humanities sequence (recommended)

The College offers alternative course sequences that fulfill each of these requirements, as listed in the *Health Professions Handbook* that is available in the Office of Health Professions Advising (BSLC 102).

Students preparing for a career in the health professions are strongly encouraged to engage in research and to participate in activities that explore their interests in human service. Both on and off campus, a vast array of hospitals, community organizations, and student groups welcome student involvement.

Students who believe they may be interested in a career in one of the health professions should consult first with their College adviser and then with the health professions adviser for their entering class. The health professions advisers offer group and individual counseling, as well as seminars and workshops, to assist each student in preparing for professional education and, at the appropriate time, in the application process itself. For more information, visit the Office of Health Professions Advising in BSLC 102 and [prehealth.uchicago.edu](http://prehealth.uchicago.edu).

Additional support is provided by the Chicago Careers in Health Professions program (CCIHP), which is organized and managed by the Office of Career Advising and Planning Services (CAPS). CCIHP augments academic studies with practical knowledge and extensive internship and shadowing opportunities to encourage professional growth in the health professions (e.g., public health, veterinary medicine, allopathic and osteopathic medicine). CCIHP provides additional opportunities for interaction with alumni and medical students. Students who wish to enter professional schools after graduation can work with health professions advisers to plan their College course work and prepare their applications. Other CCIHP components include:

- Collaborative study groups in key science courses
- Career exploration through summer internships and externships during spring break

- Workshops targeting professional development with application/interview guidance
- Customized MCAT preparation and pre-testing

## Law

The College does not offer a prelaw major, nor is there a single correct way to prepare for the study of law. More important than a specific major is the acquisition of certain skills necessary for the intelligent practice of law: the ability to communicate effectively in oral and written expression, a critical understanding of human institutions and values, and the ability to reason closely from given premises and propositions to tenable conclusions. Such skills can be developed in various majors and by taking courses in English language and literature, philosophy, American history, political science, mathematics, and economics. Students interested in a career in law should consult with the prelaw adviser in the Office of Career Advising and Planning Services. For details, visit [www.chicagogsps.edu](http://www.chicagogsps.edu).

Additional support is provided by the Chicago Careers in Law (CCIL) Program, which is organized and managed by the Office of Career Advising and Planning Services (CAPS). Alumni lawyers often participate in programs sponsored by CCIL that respond to specific areas of student interest (e.g., international law, intellectual property, government agencies). CCIL also helps students identify and secure internships with employers ranging from large law firms to public defender services. A prelaw adviser also assists students in targeting law schools, preparing successful applications, and choosing the most appropriate law school.