



School of Medicine Admissions Data: Quick Facts

Each year, approximately 8,000 applicants apply to UCSF's School of Medicine, about 500 applicants interview, and the school accepts around 270. Approximately 149 students matriculate annually. Find other program statistics [here](#).

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This Month's Topic: Student Selection Admissions Policy

Related LCME Standard: 10.3, Policies Regarding Student Selection/Progress and Their Dissemination

As we celebrate our new class of students who will begin training in August, we want to highlight our [Student Selection Admissions Policy](#).

In April, the Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policy (CCEP) passed a new policy codifying our existing admissions student selection policy based on the LCME requirements for policies regarding student selection/progress, and their dissemination.

If you have any concerns or questions about the CCEP policy process, please email bridges@ucsf.edu.

Oversight of Admissions

Student selection is overseen by the Committee on Admissions, which is chaired by the Associate Dean for Admissions, and is comprised of a Review Committee and an Interview Committee. Faculty and students may serve as reviewers and interviewers. A faculty to student ratio of 2:1 is maintained, when possible, on both committees. Committee membership consists of approximately 20 Review Committee members and over 150 Interview Committee members annually.

SOM Student Selection Admissions Policy: Highlights

UCSF prides itself in considering the unique qualifications of each individual applicant. Consistent with this philosophy, UCSF accepts students with a wide range of undergraduate pursuits and accomplishments. Student selection is based on an appraisal of those intellectual and personal characteristics that the admissions committee regards as desirable for prospective medical students and physicians.

UCSF requires applicants to meet the following pre-requisites prior to applying to medical school.

Course Requirements

1. UCSF requires the following coursework for all applicants:

- Biology, one year with laboratory work

- Chemistry, one year, including at least one semester of organic chemistry with lab
- Biochemistry (may be included within the Biology or Chemistry courses)
- Physics, one semester

2. The formal course requirements constitute the basic foundation for all applicants, but most successful applicants will have gone beyond these prerequisites and will have demonstrated the ability to perform at a higher level academically. Accordingly, the UCSF admissions committee evaluates academic preparedness in the context of the type and level of courses taken, the academic performance and trajectory, and the applicant's scores on the MCAT.

Although UCSF does not explicitly require more than one year of biology and one year of chemistry, most successful applicants will have taken at least one upper level biology course (e.g., molecular biology, genetics, immunology, etc.) as well as a full year of organic chemistry.

Technical Standards

All entering students in the UCSF School of Medicine must meet all of the technical standards, with reasonable accommodation if necessary, and each student will be expected to certify that each student meets these standards.

Please read the full policy.

For More Information

Find LCME-related information on the Medical Education website.

Review archives of previous LCME Bulletins, here.

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