THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
AND
SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY
AFFILIATE PROGRAMS

MINIMUM COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO THE PROGRAM OF

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

BS-MS Degree (39 months) (2+3)
Entry-level MS in OT Degree (28 months) (4+2)

Thomas Jefferson Requirements	**Shippensburg University Equivalent Courses (in credits)**
1. Biological Sciences *(must include 8 credits of Human Anatomy & Physiology)*	BIO 161 – Principles of Biology – Cell Structure & Function (4) * BIO 162 – Principles of Biology – Organismal Diversity (4) * BIO 350 - Human Physiology (4) BIO 371 - Human Anatomy (4)
2. Statistics (3 credits)	MAT 117 - Applied Statistics (4) **OR** PSY 105 - Research Design & Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences I (3)
3. English (6 credits)	ENG 106 - Writing Intensive 1st year seminar (3) **and** one advanced English elective (3) *(e.g., ENG 250 – Intro. Literature)*
4. Psychology (12 credits)	PSY 101 - General Psychology (3) PSY 265 - Child & Adolescent (3) PSY 330 - Abnormal Psychology (3) PSY 352 - Adulthood & Aging (3)
5. Sociology (3 credits)	SOC 101 - Principles of Sociology (3)
6. Cultural OR Ethnic Diversity course (3 credits)	ANT 111 - Cultural Anthropology (3) **OR** SOC 243 - Minority Groups (3)
7. Electives (Social Sciences, Humanities, Arts)	Suggested electives: (total credits must be at least 59) ART 101 - Art Appreciation (3) SPN 101 - Beginning Spanish (3) (or higher level language course) HIS 103 - Early History of the U.S. (3) HIS 105 – Historical Foundations of Global Cultures (3) HIS 106 – Thinking Historically in a Global Age (3) MUS 121 - Introduction to Music (3) PHL 101 - Introduction to Philosophy (3) HCS 100 - Intro. Human Communication (3) *** can use BIO 161 & BIO 162 as electives here, too**
MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED: 59	

NOTE: Students who have minimal experience with microcomputers (PCs) should take a computer science course, e.g., IMS 142 or CSC 103

ENTRY-LEVEL MASTERS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Masters in OT requires a Baccalaureate degree and credits in the following disciplines (Anatomy & Physiology (8), Statistics (3), English (6), Psychology (12), Cultural/Ethic diversity (3), Sociology (3) - use the information above on the BS-MS in OT program for course guidelines.) Kinesiology and Exercise Physiology can substitute for A & P. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required for application to the MS in OT program.

At least 50 hours of shadowing/hands-on experience in varied settings (at least two) should be obtained with certified occupational therapists for entry into either program.

See the American Occupational Therapy Assoc. website for more information: ***www.aota.org***

The pre-Occupational Therapy program has some degree of flexibility. To "fill" their semester schedules, students might select coursework in line with the BS in Biology major whereas others might select coursework more in line with the BA in Psychology major in the event they choose to remain at Shippensburg to complete a baccalaureate degree prior to entering a Masters in Occupational Therapy program.

The following is a recommendation as to how coursework could be scheduled over the first two years at Shippensburg for the pre-Occupational Therapy program.

Freshman Year

Fall Semester

BIO 161 – Princ. Biology – Cell Structure/Function (4)
PSY 101 - General Psychology (3)
HCS 100 – Intro. Human Communication (3) ←or →
SOC 101 – Principles of Sociology (3) ←or →

Spring Semester

BIO 162 – Princ. Biology – Organismal Diversity (4)
PSY 265 - Child & Adolescent Development (3)
ENG 106 – Writing Intensive 1st yr sem. (3)
MAT --- - appropriate math course (3)
MAT 117 – Applied Statistics (4)*
*(for students considering a major in Psychology, they should choose a different course and take PSY 105 after declaring the Psychology major)

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester

BIO 371 - Human Anatomy (4)
BIO 350 - Human Physiology (4)
PSY 352 – Adulthood & Aging (3)
ANT 111 – Cultural Anthropology (3)

Spring Semester

Advanced English elective (e.g., ENG 248, 250) (3)
PSY 330 - Abnormal Psychology (3)
elective (3)*
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*** *Select electives with advisement.***

Minimum of 59 credits must be earned prior to matriculation to the OT program at Thomas Jefferson University.