

Occupational Therapy

Division of Social Sciences

- **Major: 39-40 credit hours**
- **Minor: 35 credit hours**
- **Major/Minor GPA required for graduation: 2.0**

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- **Capstone: Attending Washington University for the final 32 hours**
- **Research: Attending Washington University for the final 32 hours**
- **Service: Psychology Cornerstone (BIO 201) and Introduction to Occupational Therapy (PSY 255)**

Description of Major: Occupational therapy is an applied social and biological science dedicated to assisting people in developing skills and attitudes to adapt to disabilities so that their lives become more productive and meaningful.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Complete at least 30 hours of volunteer time (or shadowing) at an occupational therapy-related setting.
- Be exposed to issues of cultural diversity and abnormal psychology.
- Become more self-aware, reflective, and collaborative individuals as they learn to analyze themselves and the society in which they live.

Preparation: McKendree University is affiliated with the Program in Occupational Therapy, Washington University School of Medicine, and offers students the opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in occupational therapy from McKendree University, and a Master of Science in occupational therapy from Washington University. The student completes three years at McKendree University and transfers to Washington University for two years of work in occupational therapy. Admission to the Program in Occupational Therapy is competitive, and students pursuing this degree program should work with their McKendree advisor to plan an alternate major in case they are unsuccessful in obtaining admission to Washington University (*see suggested additional courses that students electing to major in either biology or psychology should complete during their first three years).

Students applying to the Program in Occupational Therapy, Washington University School of Medicine, must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and must complete at least 30 hours of volunteer time in an occupational therapy-related setting. Proficiency in medical terminology and computers is also required. Applicants must have CPR certification when they apply, which may be obtained by enrolling in First Aid (PED 206) or by enrolling in an American Red Cross Adult CPR class. Transfer students to McKendree University must complete at least 45 credit hours at McKendree before being admitted to the Program in Occupational Therapy. The deadline for application for fall admission to the Program in Occupational Therapy, Washington University School of Medicine, is February 15.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS 39-40 crs.

BIO 101	INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGY	(4)
<i>or</i>		
BIO 110	PRINCIPLES OF CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	(4)
BIO 308	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I	(5)
BIO 309	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II	(5)
CHE 100	CHEMISTRY IN THE MODERN WORLD	(3)
<i>or</i>		
CHE 105	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I	(4)
MTH 170	STATISTICS	(4)
PSY 153	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	(3)
PSY 201	PSYCHOLOGY CORNERSTONE	(1)
PSY 255	INTRODUCTION TO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	(2)
PSY 259	CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY (W)	(3)
PSY 302	ADULT DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	(3)

PSY 315	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	(3)
PSY 498	PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR	(3)

Successfully complete (and transfer) 30 credit hours in occupational therapy coursework at Washington University. Students must have completed the McKendree University general education requirements and at least 90 credit hours prior to entering the Washington University Program in Occupational Therapy.

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES

ATH 200	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	(3)
HPE 158	HEALTH AND WELLNESS	(3)
PED 206	FIRST AID	(2)
PED 403	KINESIOLOGY (W)	(3)
PHY 211		
or		
PHY 212	GENERAL PHYSICS	(4)

* Students who wish to complete a four-year degree from McKendree University and then apply to Washington University or other graduate programs in occupational therapy may major in any field (e.g., biopsychology, biology, psychology, health). Students planning to major in biology—if they do not enter the Program in Occupational Therapy, Washington University School of Medicine—should also complete BIO 111, CHE 105, CHE 106, and either BIO 303 or BIO 313 during their first three years. Students planning to major in psychology should complete PSY 301, ~~PSY 396~~, and PSY 498.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MINOR REQUIREMENTS 35 crs.

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or		
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