

## Advising sheet - optometry doctor(OD)

**CSUC BIOL:** advising for OPTOMETRY (OD), Fall 2023

**Many optometry schools want, in addition to the BA core and elective courses:**

- 1 year physics (PHYS 202A/202B)
- Some still require 2-semester OCHEM (CHEM 270/370), which is offered through the BIOL BS.
- A few still require Calculus (MATH 109) as well as statistics.
- Some may require Spanish or other second language skills.

Therefore, the BIOL BS is preferred preparation for most OD programs. While the BA may be suitable for some, you need to plan carefully!

Resources: The Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry ([www.optometriceducation.org](http://www.optometriceducation.org)) has resources for future optometry students, including specific course requirements for most schools.

**Required examination: OAT**

**Additional Requirements:** letters of recommendation from professors, doctors, etc. as well as a personal statement from the applicant are required. Acceptance into a school may be aided by a broad range of extracurricular activities, health-related experience, and fluency in a second language in addition to strong GPA ( $\geq 3.5$ ) and OAT scores. Interested students should investigate requirements of specific schools well before beginning the application process.