



**BA or BS Leading  
to the MS in  
Occupational  
Therapy**  
3+2 Accelerated Program

**The Sage Colleges**

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*Dear Prospective Occupational Therapy Student:*

*This handbook contains information about the BA or BS Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy offered jointly through Russell Sage College and Sage Graduate School. Included is information regarding program requirements, curricular sequence, and acceptance criteria for acceleration into the Occupational Therapy Program.*

*We are excited about the programs that we offer and are pleased that you have chosen Sage. Although our program is demanding, experience has shown that our students become excellent practitioners as a result of their hard work and perseverance. We wish you every success in your chosen career.*

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## **BA or BS Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy**

### **3+2 Accelerated Degree Program**

**The 3+2 BA or BS Accelerated Program is designed for students who know early on that they want to become occupational therapists.** Students complete undergraduate degrees that provide a context to develop the knowledge, values and interpersonal skills needed for success in today's health and human service settings.

This innovative program is designed so that all major, college general education requirements, and OT Program prerequisite courses can be completed within three years. Qualified Sage students can accelerate into the Sage Graduate School Program in Occupational Therapy by enrolling in first year graduate coursework to complete fourth year undergraduate electives.

**Students are guaranteed acceptance into this accelerated graduate program if they complete all program prerequisites and undergraduate requirements and maintain a 3.25 grade point average with an OT Science prerequisite GPA of 3.0.** If after three years a student is unable to achieve the academic standards for acceleration they must complete electives during their fourth year as a means of finishing their baccalaureate degrees. The student is still required to achieve and maintain all GPA requirements listed above to guarantee entry into the MS in OT Program.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

The Sage Colleges offers an innovative accelerated degree program where undergraduate students can complete both a bachelor's degree from Sage and a master's degree from Sage Graduate School in just over five years.

#### **What is an accelerated program?**

An accelerated degree program allows students to seamlessly complete undergraduate and graduate degrees in less time than would be required to complete both of these degrees separately. During the first three years of undergraduate coursework students complete major requirements for the bachelor degree, including Sage general education courses and OT program prerequisites. Students who meet graduate OT Program admission requirements can accelerate into the master's program by enrolling in first year OT graduate coursework during their fourth year of undergraduate studies. At the end of the fourth year students are awarded a baccalaureate degree in their undergraduate major, and upon completion of graduate program requirements, the master's degree is awarded in OT. Entry into this accelerated program and completion of undergraduate major and prerequisite courses with the required grade point average guarantees the student admission into the MS in Occupational Therapy Program.

#### **Who is eligible for an accelerated bachelor's degree leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy?**

##### **High School Applicants who demonstrate the following profile:**

- High school overall grade point average (GPA) of 85 percent
- High school science GPA of 85 percent
- High school class rank in top 20%

##### **Transfer Applicants will be considered for acceleration who demonstrate the following profile:**

- **Completion of ACOTE approved OTA program.**
- Overall 3.25 GPA for all college course work
- Minimum grades of "C" or better in prerequisite courses to be transferred from another institution and minimum Science GPA of 3.000 in OT Program prerequisite courses (Anatomy & Physiology I & II, and Physics I)

**Undergraduate transfer students who are occupational therapy assistants (OTA)** will be considered for admission as *Interdisciplinary Science Majors* to the accelerated 3+2 degree program, with acceptance based on space availability, students' qualifications, and previous college coursework.

**Undergraduate transfer students who are not occupational therapy assistants (OTA)** will be considered for admission to any Russell Sage College major leading to the OT track as a 4+2 (**non accelerated**) program.

**The successful transfer applicant will demonstrate the following academic profile:**

- Overall minimum 3.250 GPA for all college coursework
- Minimum grade of "C" or higher in each of the OT Program prerequisite courses and a 3.0 science GPA in OT Program Science prerequisite courses (Anatomy & Physiology I & II, and Physics I)

*Note that Sage regularly accepts transfer credits, but grades for courses taken outside of Sage do not count toward a student's GPA at Sage. However, the OT department will look at all grades for OT Program prerequisites (including those from transfer courses) when considering a student for entry into the graduate program. All OT program prerequisite courses (institutional and transfer courses) must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher and the earned science GPA (based on Anatomy & Physiology I & II, and Physics I courses taken at Sage or elsewhere) must equal 3.000 or higher. If transfer courses do not meet this standard, OT program prerequisites may need to be retaken at Sage to meet GPA requirements.*

**Once accepted, what are the requirements to maintain my status in the accelerated degree program?**

Students who demonstrate the following profile are guaranteed acceleration into the MS in Occupational Therapy Program:

- Overall 3.25 GPA for all college coursework
- Minimum grades of "C" or better in all OT Program prerequisite courses: **BIO 201/202 Anatomy & Physiology I & II; PHY 101 Physics I; PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology; PSY 208 Human Development; PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology; PSY 207/MAT 220 Statistics; and SOC 101/ HSC 206**
- Science GPA of 3.000 in OT Program prerequisite courses (Anatomy & Physiology I & II, and Physics I).
- Documentation of at least 20 hours of clinical observation under the supervision of an occupational therapist before beginning the professional program

Students who are unable to achieve the standards listed above are not eligible to accelerate into the MS in OT Program. They will complete electives, by advisement, during their fourth undergraduate year to complete the bachelor's degree in their chosen majors. The first formal review of the student's undergraduate transcript will occur after the fall semester of the third year of studies. Students who wish to reapply to the OT graduate program may be advised to repeat specified courses to raise their GPAs. Similarly, students who do not choose to continue into the graduate program will complete electives, by advisement, during their fourth year of studies.

**If I'm not initially accepted into an accelerated degree program, what course sequence do I follow to be considered for admission to the graduate program in Occupational Therapy?**

**Students may follow the same curricular sequence as students accepted into an accelerated degree program. After a minimum of one full year of Sage coursework, students may request a change of major to the accelerated degree program if their GPA meets the OT graduate program requirements. Qualified Sage students will be given priority consideration for admission into the MS in OT Program.**

**What are my Sage undergraduate degree options in this accelerated degree program (see educational plans below)**

3+2 BA in **Biology** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

3+2 BA in **Creative Arts in Therapy** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

3+2 BA in **English** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

3+2 BS in **Health Sciences** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

3+2 BA in **Psychology** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

3+2 BA in **Sociology** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

3+2 BS in **Applied Biology** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

In addition, students can choose 3+2 accelerated programs from the following Sage majors: Criminal Justice, History, Mathematics, or Political Science. Students who select from among these liberal arts majors need to complete the following prerequisite courses prior to entry into the OT Program: Anatomy & Physiology I and II; Physics I; Statistics; Introduction to Psychology; Human Development; Abnormal Psychology and Introduction to Sociology or Anthropology.

## What additional procedures do I need to follow to accelerate into the MS in OT Program?

By **January 15** of the third year (or equivalent) of undergraduate academic study at Sage, students who are accelerating into the MS in OT Program will complete the following (submit all paperwork to the OT Program office):

- 1) Complete forms for admission into OT Program: Academic Standards Statement, Clinical Observation Hours Documentation, Program Prerequisite Record (see pages 16-18) in this handbook or web at [www.sage.edu/ot](http://www.sage.edu/ot)
- 2) Submit current resume

## ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT FOR STUDENTS

The faculty in the Occupational Therapy Program believes that advising is a shared, collaborative process between faculty and students. This process is ongoing, occurring both on a formal and informal basis. Each student is assigned **two advisors: the primary advisor is from the student's chosen undergraduate major field of study, the secondary advisor is a member of the OT Program faculty/staff**. Together the faculty advisors and student will:

The **Undergraduate Primary Advisor** is responsible for:

- ❖ Monitor student academic progress and intervene accordingly (i.e. referral, updates of progress, problem solving);
- ❖ Monitor student progress towards fulfilling all undergraduate major and general education requirements as well as OT prerequisite course and GPA requirements;
- ❖ Facilitate the registration process;
- ❖ Facilitate transitions including adapting to the demands of the academic, clinical and social aspects of college life as well as appropriate advisement should a change of major be required or requested.

The **Occupational Therapy Faculty Advisor** is responsible for:

- ❖ Responding to student requests for advisement through the OT Office.
- ❖ Maintaining student files in good order, including a brief note verifying each student/faculty meeting. Course advisement forms should also be updated each time a current transcript is filed.
- ❖ Corresponding with advisees following any letter from the college which indicates the student is experiencing academic difficulty or there is a change of status (in the role of student advisor).
- ❖ Making referrals to the primary advisor as appropriate for learning assistance/ tutoring, and/or physical/psychological support and services (in the role of student advisor) (see college catalog - Academic Support Service and Student Life).

**The Student is responsible for:**

- ❖ Notifying the advisor of any changes in name, address and home/work telephone numbers. These changes must also be made, in writing, to the Office of Student Services.
- ❖ Notifying the advisor of anticipated changes in academic status, including leaves of absence, request to change major, adding or dropping courses and requests to take courses off campus. These requests should be made in writing, using appropriate forms if applicable.
- ❖ Periodically reviewing their files, and obtaining and assuring completeness of all required forms needed to continue in the major or to begin field/ internship experiences.
- ❖ Meeting regularly with the primary advisor to review the sequence and completion of general education, prerequisite and professional courses.

***The ultimate responsibility for fulfilling graduation requirements rests with the individual student.***

## **GRADUATION AND COMMENCEMENT**

The Sage Colleges commencement ceremony, with full faculty attendance, is held in May. Degrees are also awarded in August and December, although there are no ceremonies at those times.

Students who enter the **3 plus 2 accelerated BA or BS leading to the MS** program are eligible to receive the bachelor's degree from The Sage Colleges, in May, after fourth year coursework. Students receive the MS in Occupational Therapy from Sage Graduate School after completion of all graduate coursework and fieldwork, usually in December of the fifth year.

Students who enter the **4 plus 2 traditional BA or BS leading to the MS** program are eligible to receive the bachelor's degree from The Sage Colleges, in May, after fourth year coursework. Students receive the MS in Occupational Therapy from Sage Graduate School after completion of all graduate coursework and fieldwork, in December of the sixth year.

## **SAGE STUDENT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION**

All students are encouraged to join and support the Sage Student Occupational Therapy Association. This student-run group hosts and sponsors educational and community service activities, social events, and continuing education workshops. Through the activities of this organization, students begin to experience the benefits and satisfaction gained from working alongside other students and therapists in activities promoting the occupational therapy profession and Sage. A program faculty member serves as the group's advisor. Students elect officers including student representatives to the American Occupational Therapy Association and New York State OT Association. These representatives are supported financially in their attendance at association annual conferences.

## **EDUCATIONAL SEQUENCE FOR 3+2 ACCELERATED PROGRAMS**

***A recommended sequence of courses for 3+2 Accelerated programs can be found on the following pages:***

3+2 BA in **Biology** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

3+2 BA in **Creative Arts in Therapy** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

3+2 BA in **English** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

3+2 BS in **Health Sciences** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

3+2 BA in **Psychology** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

3+2 BA in **Sociology** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

3+2 BS in **Applied Biology** Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

**OT Program Prerequisites:** In general, it is recommended for students to complete the OT Program prerequisites according to the following sequence:

1<sup>st</sup> Year: BIO 201/202 Anatomy & Physiology I and II/Labs; PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

2<sup>nd</sup> Year: PHY 101 Physics I/Lab; PSY 208 Developmental Science; PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology and SOC 101 or HSC 206

3<sup>rd</sup> Year: PSY 207 or MAT 220 Statistics

Students who are not eligible for acceleration, or who choose to complete the Sage undergraduate major and general education requirements in four years should register for the Occupational Therapy Program prerequisite courses in this sequence as well.

### Accelerated 3+2 BA in Biology Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

The Biology major provides an excellent foundation to become an Occupational Therapist. Sage has developed an innovative 3+2 program where students can complete their B.A. in Biology and M.S. in Occupational Therapy in just over five years of academic coursework and fieldwork. Students who choose this program will have faculty advisors in both the Biology and Occupational Therapy departments.

The following sequence begins with the courses freshman Biology majors should take.

Courses that are **highlighted** meet the graduate OT Program course prerequisites.

To accelerate into the graduate OT Program in the fourth year, students must earn a minimum overall 3.25 GPA (grades of "C" or higher in the OT Program prerequisite courses), a 3.0 Science GPA in OT program Science prerequisites and have completed all college major, general education and OT Program prerequisites by the end of the third year of coursework.

#### B.A. in Biology: Recommended Course Sequence (3+2 Accelerated Program)

<i>Freshman</i>	<i>Sophomore</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Senior</i>
<b>FALL</b>			
BIO 104 Found of Bio I	CHM 111 General Chemistry I	BIO 326	Accelerating students progress to first year graduate OT courses; non-accelerating students register for undergraduate electives by advisement. Total minimum credits required for BA degree is 120.
WLD 101	<b>MAT 220</b> Statistics	BIO 401 Sr. Independent Project	
<b>BIO 201</b> Anatomy & Physiology I	<b>BIO 220</b>	<b>PHY 101 or 107</b> General Physics I	
<b>PSY 101</b> Intro to Psych	<b>PSY 208</b>	<b>*PSY 308</b> Abnormal Psychology	
By Advisement	By Advisement	By Advisement	
<b>SPRING</b>			
BIO 105 Found of Bio II	By Advisement	WLD 401	
WLD 201	BIO Foundation	BIO 358 Proseminar: Comm in Bio Sci	
<b>BIO 202</b> Anatomy & Physiology II	BIO 359 Explor in Research Methods	PHY 102 or 108 General Physics II	
By Advisement	CHM 112 General Chemistry II	BIO 401 Sr. Independent Project	
<b>SOC 101</b> or HSC 206 Soc/ Culture	CHM/MAT	BIO 405	

Courses that are **highlighted** meet the OT Program course prerequisites.

#### First Year OT Courses (meet 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate elective requirements)

<b>August (on-line)</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
OTH 504 Foundations of OT	OTH 504 Foundations of OT Lab	OTH 567 Research Methods
	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/ Labs A & B	OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar
	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	OTH 606 Eval & Int: UE Rehab/Lab
	OTH 515 Occup Perf Adulthood/Lab	OTH 608 Foundations of Rehab/Lab
	OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT	OTH 609 Eval & Int: Psychosocial
		OTH 623 Level I Fieldwork: Psych



## Accelerated 3+2 BA in Creative Arts in Therapy Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

The Creative Arts in Therapy (CAT) major provides an excellent foundation to become an Occupational Therapist. Sage has developed an innovative 3+2 program where students can complete their B.A. in Creative Arts in Therapy and M.S. in Occupational Therapy in just over five years of academic coursework and fieldwork. Students who choose this program will have faculty advisors in both the Creative Arts in Therapy and Occupational Therapy departments. An audition or portfolio review administered by the CAT department is a prerequisite to admission. The course sequence below begins with the courses freshman CAT majors take.

To complete the number of courses required for this major in the three-year sequence noted below, students will need to enroll in 18-19 credits in four of the six undergraduate semesters.

Courses that are **highlighted** meet the graduate OT Program course prerequisites.

To accelerate into the graduate OT Program in the fourth year, students must earn a minimum overall 3.25 GPA (grades of "C" or higher in the OT Program prerequisite courses), a 3.0 Science GPA in OT Science prerequisites and have completed all college major, general education and OT Program prerequisites by the end of the third year of coursework.

### B.A. Creative Arts in Therapy: Recommended Course Sequence (3+2 Accelerated Program)

<i>Freshman</i>	<i>Sophomore</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Senior</i>
<b>FALL</b>			
WLD 101	<b>PSY 308</b> Abnormal Psychology	CAT 330	Accelerating students progress to first year graduate OT courses; non-accelerating students register for undergraduate electives by advisement. Total minimum credits required for BA degree is 120.
CAT 201 Intro Cr Arts in Therapy	Art Form Concentration	Art Form Concentration	
Art Form Concentration	<b>BIO 201</b> Anatomy & Physiology I	<b>PHY 101</b> Physics I	
By advisement	CAT 207 Practicum I	CAT 441 Seminar II	
<b>PSY 101</b> Intro to Psych	CAT 21X	CAT 407 Cr Art Therapy Internship	
Art Form Concentration	Art Form Concentration	<b>SOC 101</b> or HSC 206 Soc/ Culture	
<b>SPRING</b>			
WLD 201	CAT 307 Practicum II	WLD 401	
CAT 21X	PSY 324 Group Counseling	<b>PSY 207</b> or <b>MAT 220</b> Statistics	
By advisement	<b>BIO 202</b> Anatomy & Physiology I	By advisement	
Art Form Concentration	WLD 301	CAT 341 Seminar i	
	Art Form Concentration	CAT 442 Seminar III	
<b>PSY 208</b> Developmental Science	Art Form	*Art Form Concentration	

Courses that are **highlighted** meet the OT Program course prerequisites.

### First Year OT Courses (meet 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate elective requirements) subject to change

<b>August (on-line)</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
OTH 504 Foundations of OT	OTH 504 Foundations of OT Lab	OTH 567 Research Methods
	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/ Labs A & B	OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar
	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	OTH 606 Eval & Int: UE Rehab/Lab
	OTH 515 Occup Perf Adulthood/Lab	OTH 608 Foundations of Rehab/Lab
	OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT	OTH 609 Eval & Int: Psychosocial
		OTH 623 Level I Fieldwork: Psych

## Accelerated 3+2 BA in English Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

The English major provides an excellent foundation to become an Occupational Therapist. Sage has developed an innovative 3+2 program where students can complete their B.S. in English and M.S. in Occupational Therapy in just over five years of academic coursework and fieldwork. Students who choose this program will have faculty advisors from both the English and Occupational Therapy departments.

The sequence listed below begins with the courses freshman English majors should take.

Courses that are **highlighted** meet the graduate OT Program course prerequisites.

To accelerate into the graduate OT Program in the fourth year, students must earn a minimum overall 3.25 GPA (grades of "C" or higher in the OT Program prerequisite courses), a 3.0 Science GPA in OT program science prerequisites and have completed all college major, general education and OT Program prerequisites by the end of the third year of coursework.

### B.A. in English: Recommended Course Sequence (3+2 Accelerated Program)

<i>Freshman</i>	<i>Sophomore</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Senior</i>	
<b>FALL</b>				
WLD 101	<b>PHY 101</b> Physics I	ENG Period Course	Accelerating students progress to first year graduate OT courses; non-accelerating students register for undergraduate electives by advisement. Total minimum credits required for BA degree is 120.	
ENG 201 Literature in English to 1650	ENG Survey Course	ENG Author's Course		
<b>BIO 201</b> Anatomy & Physiology I	By Advisement	By Advisement		
<b>PSY 101</b> Intro to Psych	Cross Cultural (HSC 206 recommended)	<b>MAT 220/PSY 207</b> Statistics		
ENG 190	<b>SOC 101</b> Sociology	By Advisement		
<b>SPRING</b>				
WLD 201	ENG Period Course	WLD 401		
ENG 202 Literature in English 1650-1840	<b>PSY 207</b> Statistics	ENG Elective		
<b>BIO 202</b> Anatomy & Physiology II	ENG Survey Course	ENG 405 Senior Seminar		
<b>PSY 208</b>	<b>PSY 308</b> Abnormal Psychology	By Advisement		
Humanities	By Advisement	By Advisement		

Courses that are **highlighted** meet the OT Program course prerequisites.

### First Year OT Courses (meet 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate elective requirements)

<b>August (on-line)</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
OTH 504 Foundations of OT	OTH 504 Foundations of OT Lab	OTH 567 Research Methods
	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/ Labs A & B	OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar
	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	OTH 606 Eval & Int: UE Rehab/Lab
	OTH 515 Occup Perf Adulthood/Lab	OTH 608 Foundations of Rehab/Lab
	OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT	OTH 609 Eval & Int: Psychosocial
		OTH 623 Level I Fieldwork: Psych

## Accelerated 3+2 BS in Health Sciences Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

The Health Sciences major provides an excellent foundation to become an Occupational Therapist. Sage has developed an innovative 3+2 program where students can complete their B.S. in Health Sciences and M.S. in Occupational Therapy in just over five years of academic coursework and fieldwork. Students who choose this program will have faculty advisors from both the Health Sciences and Occupational Therapy programs.

The sequence listed below begins with the courses freshman Health Sciences majors should take. Courses that are **highlighted** meet the graduate OT Program course prerequisites.

To accelerate into the graduate OT Program in the fourth year, students must earn a minimum overall 3.25 GPA (grades of "C" or higher in the OT Program prerequisite courses), a 3.0 Science GPA in the OT program science prerequisites and have completed all college major, general education and OT Program prerequisites by the end of the third year of coursework.

### B.S. Health Sciences: Recommended Course Sequence (3+2 Accelerated Program)

<i>Freshman</i>	<i>Sophomore</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Senior</i>	
<b>FALL</b>				
HSC 215 Hlth/Wellness Lifespan	By Advisement	BIO 215	Accelerating students progress to first year graduate OT courses; non-accelerating students register for undergraduate electives by advisement. Total minimum credits required for BA degree is 120.	
WLD 101	<b>BIO 201</b> Anatomy & Physiology	SOC 350 Research for the Professions		
<b>PSY 101</b> Intro to Psychology	<b>SOC 101</b> Sociology	By Advisement		
SST 148/112	<b>PSY 207</b> or MAT 220 Statistics	By Advisement		
<b>PHY 101</b> Physics I	SCI 120 Nutrition	HSC 410 Compl Health Care		
<b>SPRING</b>				
SCI 120 Nutrition	<b>BIO 202</b> Anatomy & Physiology 2	WLD 401		
WLD 201	<b>PSY 308</b> Abnormal Psychology	HSC 405 Community Health Education		
<b>PSY 202</b> Human Development	HSC 206	SCI 310 Exercise Physiology		
HSC 204	SCI 240	PSY 326		
<b>PSY 101</b> Intro to Psych	BY Advisement	By Advisement		

Courses that are **highlighted** meet the OT Program course prerequisites.

### First Year OT Courses (meet 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate elective requirements)

<b>August (on-line)</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
OTH 504 Foundations of OT	OTH 504 Foundations of OT Lab	OTH 567 Research Methods
	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/ Labs A & B	OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar
	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	OTH 606 Eval & Int: UE Rehab/Lab
	OTH 515 Occup Perf Adulthood/Lab	OTH 608 Foundations of Rehab/Lab
	OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT	OTH 609 Eval & Int: Psychosocial
		OTH 623 Level I Fieldwork: Psych

## Accelerated 3+2 BA in Psychology Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

The Psychology major provides an excellent foundation to become an Occupational Therapist. Sage has developed an innovative 3+2 program where students can complete their B.A. in Psychology and M.S. in Occupational Therapy in just over five years of academic coursework and fieldwork. Students who choose this program will have faculty advisors in both the Psychology and Occupational Therapy departments.

The sequence listed below begins with the courses freshman Psychology majors should take.

Courses that are **highlighted** meet the graduate OT Program course prerequisites.

To accelerate into the graduate OT Program in the fourth year, students must earn a minimum overall 3.25 GPA (grades of "C" or higher in the OT Program prerequisite courses), a 3.0 Science GPA in the OT program Science prerequisites and have completed all college major, general education and OT Program prerequisites by the end of the third year of coursework.

### B.A. Psychology: Recommended Course Sequence (3+2 Accelerated Program)

<i>Freshman</i>	<i>Sophomore</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Senior</i>	
<b>FALL</b>				
By advisement	PSY Basic Aspects	PSY Spec Inquiry	Accelerating students progress to first year graduate OT courses; non-accelerating students register for undergraduate electives by advisement. Total minimum credits required for BA degree is 120.	
WLD 101	<b>PSY 207</b> Statistics	PSY 409 History /Systems Psychology		
<b>BIO 201</b> Anatomy & Physiology I	<b>PSY 308</b> Abnormal Psychology	<b>PHY 101</b> Physics I		
<b>PSY 101</b> Intro to Psych	<b>SOC 101</b> or HSC 206 Soc/ Culture			
By advisement	By Advisement	Elective		
<b>SPRING</b>				
<b>PSY 208</b> Developmental Science	By Advisement	WLD 401		
WLD 201	By Advisement	Cross Cultural Elective		
<b>BIO 202</b> Anatomy & Physiology II	PSY 333 Experimental Psych	PSY 403 Seminar		
By Advisement	PSY Spec Inquiry	*Elective		
PSY Basic Aspects	By Advisement	*Elective		

Courses that are **highlighted** meet the OT Program course prerequisites.

### First Year OT Courses (meet 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate elective requirements)

<b>August (on-line)</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
OTH 504 Foundations of OT	OTH 504 Foundations of OT Lab	OTH 567 Research Methods
	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/ Labs A & B	OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar
	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	OTH 606 Eval & Int: UE Rehab/Lab
	OTH 515 Occup Perf Adulthood/Lab	OTH 608 Foundations of Rehab/Lab
	OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT	OTH 609 Eval & Int: Psychosocial
		OTH 623 Level I Fieldwork: Psych

## Accelerated 3+2 BA in Sociology Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy

The Sociology major provides an excellent foundation to become an Occupational Therapist. Sage has developed an innovative 3+2 program where students can complete their B.A. in Sociology and M.S. in Occupational Therapy in just over five years of academic coursework and fieldwork. Students who choose this program will have faculty advisors in both the Sociology and Occupational Therapy departments.

The sequence listed below begins with the courses freshman Sociology majors should take. Courses that are **highlighted** meet the graduate OT Program course prerequisites.

To accelerate into the graduate OT Program in the fourth year, students must earn a minimum overall 3.25 GPA (grades of "C" or higher in the seven OT Program prerequisite courses), and have completed all college major, general education and OT Program prerequisites by the end of the third year of coursework.

### B.A. Sociology: Recommended Course Sequence (3+2 Accelerated Program)

<i>Freshman</i>	<i>Sophomore</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Senior</i>	
<b>FALL</b>				
SOC 101 Intro to Sociology	<b>PHY 101</b> Physics I	<b>HSC 206</b> Health/Culture (recommended)	Accelerating students progress to first year graduate OT courses; non-accelerating students register for undergraduate electives by advisement. Total minimum credits required for BA degree is 120.	
WLD 101	<b>SOC 207</b> Statistics	SOC 405 Seminar in Sociology I		
<b>BIO 201</b> Anatomy & Physiology I	Sociology Elective or SOC 309 Soc of Mental Disorders	*H/A Humanities		
<b>PSY 101</b> Intro to Psych	SOC 303 Soc Theory or SOC 310	SOC 303 Soc Theory or SOC 310		
Humanities	SOC 231 Intro to Human Services	SOC 427 Sociology Internship		
<b>SPRING</b>				
<b>PSY 208</b> Developmental Science	WLD 301	WLD 401		
WLD 201	SOC 222 Women in Health	<b>PSY 308</b> Abnormal Psychology		
<b>BIO 202</b> Anatomy & Physiology II	SOC 350 Research for the Professions	SOC 406 Seminar in Sociology II		
Humanities	SOC 208 or 209 (XC)	Elective		
H/A Humanities	Sociology Elective or SOC 309 Soc of Mental Disorders	Free Elective		

Courses that are **highlighted** meet the OT Program course prerequisites.

### First Year OT Courses (meet 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate elective requirements)

<b>August (on-line)</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
OTH 504 Foundations of OT	OTH 504 Foundations of OT Lab	OTH Research Methods
	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/ Labs A & B	OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar
	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	OTH 606 Eval & Int: UE Rehab/Lab
	OTH 515 Occup Perf Adulthood/Lab	OTH 608 Foundations of Rehab/Lab
	OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT	OTH 609 Eval & Int: Psychosocial
		OTH 623 Level I Fieldwork: Psych

**Procedures for Acceleration into the MS in OT Program**  
 (for Sage students completing the 3+2 BS in Applied Biology Leading to the MS in Occupational Therapy)

FALL First Year		SPRING First Year		FALL Second Year		SPRING Second Year	
COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
BIO-101 General Biology I	4	BIO-102 General Biology II	4	BIO-208 Microbiology	4	BIO-207 Fundamentals of Genetics	3
CHM-111 General Chemistry I	4	CHM-112 General Chemistry II	4	Biology Elective BIO-201 A & P I	4	Biology Elective BIO-202 A & P II	4
IThink 101	3	HUM-112 Humanities Seminar	3	MAT-113 Pre-Calculus, MAT-112 College Algebra, MAT-201 Calculus	3	MAT-220 Statistics	3
ITD-155 Literacies of Connection	3	Discipline Elective PSY-101 or PSYC-101 Introduction to Psychology	3	Discipline Elective PSY-202 or PSYC-202 Human Development	3	Humanities Elective	3
BIO-150- Writing in Biology	1	COM-104 Oral Communication	3			General Elective	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

FALL Third Year		SPRING Third Year		Fall Fourth Year			
COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
BIO-351 Immunology	3	BIO-415- Cell and Molecular Biology (Capstone)	4	OTH-504 Foundations	3	OTH 567-Research	3
PHY-101 General Physics I	4	Discipline Elective SOC/SCL course	3	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology & A/B Lab	6	OTH 622-FW	3
IThink 301	3	Discipline Elective PSY-308 or PSYC-308 Abnormal Psych	3	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	3	OTH 606 Evaluation Upper Extremity	4
BIO-359 Explorations in Research Methods	3	Biology Elective	3-4	OTH 515 Occupational Performance in Adult	4	OTH 608 Foundations of Rehab	2.5
General Elective	3			OTH 503 Models & Theories	1	OTH 609 Evaluations -Psychosocial	4
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13-14</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>16.5</b>

**By January 15** of the third year (or equivalent) of undergraduate academic study at Sage, students who are accelerating into the MS in OT Program will:

- 1) Complete forms for admission into OT Program: a) Academic Standards Statement, b) Clinical Observation Hours Documentation, c) Program Prerequisite Record (see web at [http://catalog.sage.edu/rsc.php?page=programs/occupational\\_therapy&college=rsc](http://catalog.sage.edu/rsc.php?page=programs/occupational_therapy&college=rsc))
- 2) Submit current resume

### **Academic Standards for Acceleration into the MS in OT Program**

Sage College students will accelerate into the MS in Occupational Therapy Program who demonstrate the following:

- Completion of Sage major requirements, general education courses and OT Program prerequisites during the first three years of undergraduate study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Achievement of minimum overall GPA of 3.25 in undergraduate study, with a 3.0 OT Science prerequisite average, and at least a “C” in all OT Program course prerequisites, in order to accelerate into MS in Occupational Therapy courses during fourth year of undergraduate studies. For students who need additional time to achieve a 3.25 GPA, fourth year coursework would consist of college electives by advisement. The first formal review of students’ transcripts will take place after the fall semester of the third year (or equivalent).
  - \_\_\_\_\_ BIO 201/202 Anatomy & Physiology I and II
  - \_\_\_\_\_ PHY 101 Physics I
  - \_\_\_\_\_ PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
  - \_\_\_\_\_ PSY 202 Human Development or PSY 208
  - \_\_\_\_\_ PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology
  - \_\_\_\_\_ PSY 207 or MAT 220 Statistics
  - \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology or HSC 206 Health/Culture
- \_\_\_\_\_ Documentation of at least 20 hours of **clinical observation** under the supervision of an occupational therapist before beginning the professional program (see observation documentation form in this packet). *For all students, we strongly recommend that you complete your clinical observations as early as possible.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Documentation of progress in prerequisite completion on **Program Prerequisite Record**.

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Academic Standards Statement

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_

E- mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Place  
Photograph  
Here  
(optional)

**To: Program in Occupational Therapy Faculty**

I wish to accelerate into the MS in Occupational Therapy Program. I am aware of the criteria I must meet by the end of my third academic year in order to accelerate into first year occupational therapy coursework during my last year of undergraduate studies.

To maintain my status in the Occupational Therapy Program I understand I must achieve a grade of "C" or better in all professional courses (OTH), and an overall 3.0 grade point average. Should I achieve a grade of "C" in multiple professional courses, I understand I may be required to repeat courses or complete other remedial work to assure competence for clinical practice. I agree to these requirements and understand that failure to do so could result in my dismissal from the program.

I understand that I must demonstrate effective interpersonal communication skills and judgment to remain in good standing and in order to participate in the fieldwork education component of the program. I agree to maintain these standards at all times. I understand that faculty retains the final decision to approve students for fieldwork placements.

The occupational therapy education process includes multiple fieldwork experiences. I understand students are responsible for transportation arrangements to and from fieldwork settings. I also understand that I am responsible for obtaining yearly physical examinations, immunizations, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification in order to complete my fieldwork experiences. In addition, many fieldwork settings require students to be fingerprinted and undergo a criminal history review. I understand students are responsible for the costs of these processes.

I understand that I must be continuously matriculated in the OT Program. In the event a leave of absence is required, this must be requested and approved by Occupational Therapy Program faculty in order for the student to maintain a place in the Program and eventually be eligible to graduate. A formal leave of absence must also be filed through appropriate College offices (see College catalogue for more information).

I understand that it is my responsibility to review the additions and amendments to the Occupational Therapy Handbook on an annual basis while a member of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



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**Clinical Observation Hours**

The Sage Colleges Program in Occupational Therapy requires that each of our Occupational Therapy students observe or assist as a clinical volunteer under the direction of an Occupational Therapist for a minimum of **20 hours**. We believe that this time helps provide prospective students with a realistic perspective of the clinical aspects of therapy that are essential to their academic success. Please have the licensed Occupational Therapist complete this form and rating scale, and return it to the Sage Occupational Therapy Department by **February 1**. If your hours of clinical observation will not be completed at the time of application, please indicate the anticipated date of completion in a letter. Multiple copies of this form can be made if observation hours will be completed at more than one site. Thank you.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Clinical Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Hours Spent at your Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

In What Capacity? Observation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assistance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student in each of the following areas by circling the corresponding rating for each category:

	<b>1/ Below Average;</b>	<b>2/ Average;</b>	<b>3/ Above Average;</b>	<b>4/ Superior</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Relates to Patients	1	2	3	4	Reliable/Dependable	1	2	3	4
Relates to Staff	1	2	3	4	Judgment	1	2	3	4
Accepts Direction	1	2	3	4	Initiative	1	2	3	4
Carries Out Instruction	1	2	3	4	Maturity	1	2	3	4
Verbal Communication	1	2	3	4	Appearance, Hygiene	1	2	3	4
Written Communication	1	2	3	4	Professional potential	1	2	3	4
Grasp theoretical concepts	1	2	3	4	Interest/Motivation	1	2	3	4

*Additional Comments:* Also please indicate on the back of this form reasons that you believe the applicant will be an asset to the Occupational Therapy profession.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Institution/Department

\_\_\_\_\_  
Therapist's Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Occupational Therapy Program Prerequisite Record**  
(return this form to the Occupational Therapy Department)

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Anticipated Entry Date to the Occupational Therapy Program (August 20xx): \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Prerequisite Record**

For each of the program's prerequisite courses or activities listed below, indicate the timeframe during which they have been completed, are in progress, or the anticipated date of completion. For completed coursework, indicate the grade received.

	<i><b>Semester/Year Completed</b></i>	<i><b>Grade Received</b></i>	<i><b>Semester/Year in Progress</b></i>	<i><b>Anticipated Completion Date</b></i>
Anatomy & Physiology I with lab				
Anatomy & Physiology II with lab				
Physics I with lab				
Introduction to Psychology				
Lifespan Human Development				
Abnormal Psychology				
Statistics				
Sociology or Anthropology				
Clinical Observation Hours				

Additional Comments:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MS in Occupational Therapy Program Summary  
Students Entering OT Graduate Program 2015-2016**

	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>First Year: July/ August (3 weeks on-line)</b>		
OTH 504 Foundations of Occupational Therapy . . . . .	2	2
<b>First Year: Fall</b>		
OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab . . . . .	4	
OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT Practice . . . . .	1	
OTH 504 Foundations of Occupational Therapy Lab . . . . .	1	
OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/Labs A & B . . . . .	6	
OTH 515 Occupational Performance in Adulthood/Lab . . . . .	4	16
<b>First Year: Spring</b>		
OTH 567 Research Methods for the Health Professions . . . . .	3	
OTH 606 Eval & Intervention: Hand & Upper Extremity Rehab/Lab . . . . .	4	
OTH 608 Foundations of Physical Rehab/Lab . . . . .	2.5	
OTH 609 Evaluation & Intervention: Psychosocial Settings/Lab . . . . .	4	
OTH 623 Fieldwork I: Psychosocial Settings . . . . .	1	
OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar . . . . .	2	16.5
<b>Second Year: Summer</b>		
OTH 608bL Modalities . . . . .	1	
OTH 624 Fieldwork I: Physical Rehabilitation Settings . . . . .	1	
OTH 514 Occupational Performance in Children & Youth/Lab . . . . .	3	5
<b>Second Year: Fall</b>		
OTH 512 Technology & Adaptations . . . . .	1	
OTH 611 Eval & Intervention: Adult Physical Rehabilitation I/Lab . . . . .	4	
OTH 617 Eval & Intervention: Early Intervention Settings/Lab . . . . .	4	
OTH 620 Community OT Practice . . . . .	1.5	
OTH 669 Research Seminar I . . . . .	3	13.5
<b>Second Year: Spring</b>		
OTH 618 Eval & Intervention: Adult Physical Rehabilitation II/Lab . . . . .	4	
OTH 612 Management of OT Services . . . . .	3	
OTH 636 Clinical & Professional Reasoning Seminar . . . . .	2	
OTH 616 Eval & Intervention: School-based Practice/Lab . . . . .	4	
OTH 626 Fieldwork I: Pediatric Settings . . . . .	1	
OTH 670 Research Seminar II . . . . .	3	17
<b>Second Year: Summer</b>		
OTH 627 Fieldwork IIa . . . . .	5	5
<b>Third Year: Fall</b>		
OTH 628 Fieldwork IIb . . . . .	5	5
<b>Total Credits in OT Graduate Program</b>		<b>80</b>

*Note: Fieldwork Requirements: Students are responsible for transportation arrangements to and from fieldwork settings. Yearly physical examinations, immunizations, and CPR certification are required by fieldwork sites. In addition, many settings require students to be fingerprinted and undergo a criminal history review. Students are responsible for the arrangements and costs of these processes. Information regarding how to meet these requirements is provided in the Occupational Therapy Student Fieldwork Manual.*