



**BA or BS Leading
to the MS in
Occupational Therapy
3+2 Accelerated Program
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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 Russell 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 Russell Sage College. 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 Russell Sage College students can accelerate into the Russell Sage College 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

Russell Sage College offers an innovative accelerated degree program where undergraduate students can complete both a bachelor's degree from Russell Sage College and a master's degree from Russell Sage College 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 Russell Sage College 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 85percent
- High school class rank in top20%

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 coursework
 - 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, Medical Terminology [recommended], and Physics I [recommended])

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, Medical Terminology [recommended], and Physics I [recommended])

Note that Russell Sage College regularly accepts transfer credits, but grades for courses taken outside of Russell Sage College do not count toward a student's GPA at Russell Sage College. 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, Medical Terminology [recommended], and Physics I [recommended] taken at Russell Sage College 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 Russell Sage College 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; SCI 110 Medical Terminology; and SOC 101/HSC 206
- Science GPA of 3.000 in OT Program prerequisite courses (Anatomy & Physiology I & II, Medical Terminology [recommended], and Physics I [recommended]).
- 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 Russell Sage College coursework, students may request a change of major to the accelerated degree program if their GPA meets the OT graduate program requirements. Qualified Russell Sage College students will be given priority consideration for admission into the MS in OT Program.

**What are my Russell Sage College 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

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

By December 10 of the third year (or equivalent) of undergraduate academic study at Russell Sage College, students who are accelerating into the MS in OT Program will complete the following (submit all paperwork to the OT Program office in person or via email at sageot@sage.edu):

- 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 <https://www.sage.edu/academics/programs-degrees/health-sciences/occupational-therapy-accelerated-m-s/>
- 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, problemsolving);
- ❖ 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

Russell Sage College 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 Russell Sage College, in May, after fourth year coursework. Students receive the MS in Occupational Therapy from Russell 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 Russell Sage College, in May, after fourth year coursework. Students receive the MS in Occupational Therapy from Russell Sage Graduate School after completion of all graduate coursework and fieldwork, in December of the sixth year.

RUSSELL SAGE COLLEGE STUDENT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

All students are encouraged to join and support the Russell 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 Russell Sage College. 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 i+2 BA in **Sociology** 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:

1st Year: BIO 201/202 Anatomy & Physiology I and II/Labs; PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology, or SCI 110 Medical Terminology

2nd Year: PHY 101 Physics I/Lab; PSY 208 Developmental Science; PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology and SOC 101 or HSC 206/306

3rd Year: PSY 207 or MAT 220 Statistics

Students who are not eligible for acceleration, or who choose to complete the Russell Sage College 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. Russell Sage College 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>	
FALL				
BIO 104 Found of Bio I	CHM 111 General Chemistry I	BIO 326 Principles of Ecology	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.	
RSC 101 YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS(3CR)	MAT 220 Statistics	BIO 401 Sr. Independent Project		
BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 220 Cell Biology	PHY 101 or 107 General Physics I		
PSY 101 Intro to Psych	PSY 208 Developmental Science	*PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology		
By Advisement	By Advisement	By Advisement		
SPRING				
BIO 105 Found of Bio II	SCI 110 Medical Terminology	RSC 301 (3CR)		
RSC 201 (3CR)	BIO Foundation	BIO 358 Proseminar: Comm in Bio Sci		
BIO 202 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		
SOC 101 or HSC 306 Soc/ Culture	CHM/MAT	BIO 405 Molecular Genetics		

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

First Year OT Courses (meet 4th year undergraduate elective requirements)

August (on-line)	Fall	Spring
OTH 504 Foundations of OT	OTH 504 Foundations of OT Lab	OTH 512 Technology & Adaptations
	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/ Labs A & B	OTH 567 Research Methods for the Health Professions
	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	OTH 606 Evaluation & Intervention: Hand & Upper Extremity Rehabilitation/Lab
	OTH 515 Occup Perf Adulthood/Lab	OTH 608 Foundations of Physical Rehabilitation/Lab A
	OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT	OTH 609 Evaluation & Intervention: Psychosocial Settings/Lab
		OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar

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. Russell Sage College 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>	
FALL				
RSC 101 YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS(3CR)	PSY 308 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	BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I	PHY 101 Physics I		
By advisement	CAT 207 Practicum I	CAT 441 Seminar II		
PSY 101 Intro to Psych	CAT 21X	CAT 407 Cr Art Therapy Internship		
Art Form Concentration	Art Form Concentration	SOC 101 or HSC 306 Soc/ Culture		
SPRING				
RSC 201 (3CR)	CAT 307 Practicum II	RSC 301 (3CR)		
CAT 21X	PSY 324 Group Counseling	PSY 207 or MAT 220 Statistics		
By advisement	BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology I	By advisement		
Art Form Concentration	SCI 110 Medical Terminology	CAT 341 Seminar i		
	Art Form Concentration	CAT 442 Seminar III		
PSY 208 Developmental Science	Art Form	*Art Form Concentration		

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

First Year OT Courses (meet 4th year undergraduate elective requirements) subject to change

August (on-line)	Fall	Spring
OTH 504 Foundations of OT	OTH 504 Foundations of OT Lab	OTH 512 Technology & Adaptations
	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/ Labs A & B	OTH 567 Research Methods for the Health Professions
	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	OTH 606 Evaluation & Intervention: Hand & Upper Extremity Rehabilitation/Lab
	OTH 515 Occup Perf Adulthood/Lab	OTH 608 Foundations of Physical Rehabilitation/Lab A
	OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT	OTH 609 Evaluation & Intervention: Psychosocial Settings/Lab
		OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar

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. Russell Sage College 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>	
FALL				
RSC 101 Your Journey Begins	PHY 101 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.	
WRT 101 Writing in the Community	ENG Survey Course	ENG Author's Course		
BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I	ENG 201 Literature in English to 1650	By Advisement		
PSY 101 Intro to Psych	Cross Cultural (HSC 306 recommended)	MAT 220/PSY 207 Statistics		
ENG 190	SOC 101 Sociology	By Advisement		
SPRING				
RSC 201 Intercultural Perspective	ENG Period Course	RSC 301 Innov. to Engage		
ENG 202 Literature in English 1650-1840	SCI 110 Medical Terminology	ENG Elective		
BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II	ENG Survey Course	ENG 405 Senior Seminar		
PSY 208 Developmental Science	PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology	By Advisement		
WRT 201 Researching in the Community	By Advisement	By Advisement		

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

First Year OT Courses (meet 4th year undergraduate elective requirements)

August (on-line)	Fall	Spring
OTH 504 Foundations of OT	OTH 504 Foundations of OT Lab	OTH 512 Technology & Adaptations
	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/ Labs A & B	OTH 567 Research Methods for the Health Professions
	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	OTH 606 Evaluation & Intervention: Hand & Upper Extremity Rehabilitation/Lab
	OTH 515 Occup Perf Adulthood/Lab	OTH 608 Foundations of Physical Rehabilitation/Lab A
	OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT	OTH 609 Evaluation & Intervention: Psychosocial Settings/Lab
		OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar

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. Russell Sage College 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>	
FALL				
WRT 101 Writing in the Community	BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I	PHY 101 General Physics I w/lab	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.	
RSC 101 Your Journey Begins	MAT 220 Stats or PSY 208 Dev. Science	HSC 450 Research Meth. For Health Sci.		
HSC 215 Health and Wellness	SCI 120 Nutrition	HUM 420 Medical Ethics		
NAS Elect(BIO 101 Gen. Biology I w/lab)	RSC 201 Intercultural Perspective	PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology		
PSY 101 Intro to Psychology	BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I	RSC 301 Innov. to Engage or NAS Elective		
SPRING				
WRT 201 Researching in the Community	BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab	BIO 410 Honors Proj. or BIO 450 Seminar		
SCI 110 Medical Terminology	MAT 220 Stats or PSY 208 Dev. Science	SCI 310 Exercise Physiology w/lab		
HSC 204 Intro to Health Professions	SCI 240 Pathology & Prevention	Humanities or Arts Elective		
NAS Elect(BIO 102 Gen. Biology II w/lab)	HSC 306 Culture and Health	RSC 301 Innov. to Engage or NAS Elective		
Humanities or Arts Elective	BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab	Elective		

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

First Year OT Courses (meet 4th year undergraduate elective requirements)

August (on-line)	Fall	Spring
OTH 504 Foundations of OT	OTH 504 Foundations of OT Lab	OTH 512 Technology & Adaptations
	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/ Labs A & B	OTH 567 Research Methods for the Health Professions
	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	OTH 606 Evaluation & Intervention: Hand & Upper Extremity Rehabilitation/Lab
	OTH 515 Occup Perf Adulthood/Lab	OTH 608 Foundations of Physical Rehabilitation/Lab A
	OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT	OTH 609 Evaluation & Intervention: Psychosocial Settings/Lab
		OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar

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. Russell Sage College 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>	
FALL				
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.	
WRT 101 Writing in the Community	PSY 207 Statistics	PSY 409 History /Systems Psychology		
BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I	PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology	PHY 101 Physics I		
PSY 101 Intro to Psych	SOC 101 or HSC 306 Soc/ Culture	PSY 308 Abnormal Psych		
RSC 101 Your Journey Begins	RSC 201 Intercultural Perspective			
By advisement	By Advisement	Elective		
SPRING				
PSY 208 Developmental Science	By Advisement	RSC 301 Innov. to Engage		
WRT 201 Researching in the Community	By Advisement	Cross Cultural Elective		
BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II	PSY 333 Experimental Psych	PSY 403 Seminar		
By Advisement	PSY Spec Inquiry	*Elective		
	SCI 110 Medical Terminology			
PSY Basic Aspects	By Advisement	*Elective		

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

First Year OT Courses (meet 4th year undergraduate elective requirements)

August (on-line)	Fall	Spring
OTH 504 Foundations of OT	OTH 504 Foundations of OT Lab	OTH 512 Technology & Adaptations
	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/ Labs A & B	OTH 567 Research Methods for the Health Professions
	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	OTH 606 Evaluation & Intervention: Hand & Upper Extremity Rehabilitation/Lab
	OTH 515 Occup Perf Adulthood/Lab	OTH 608 Foundations of Physical Rehabilitation/Lab A
	OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT	OTH 609 Evaluation & Intervention: Psychosocial Settings/Lab
		OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar

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. Russell Sage College 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: Recommending Course Sequence (3+2 Accelerated Program) Occupational Therapy

First Year	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	
FALL				
SOC 101: Intro to Sociology	PHY 101 Physics 1 and Lab	HSC 306 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 a BA is 120.	
BIO 201: Anatomy & Physiology 1	PSY 207 Statistics	SOC elective or SOC 303: Soc Theory (offered ODD Fall)		
PSY 101: Intro to Psych	SOC elective or SOC 303: Soc Theory (offered ODD Fall)	SOC 403: Senior Seminar		
WRT 101 Writing in the Community	SCI 110 Medical Terminology	SOC elective such as SOC 222: Women Health & the Body		
RSC 101 Your Journey Begins	RSC 201 Intercultural Perspective	RSC 301 Innov. to Engage		
Spring				
PSY 208 Developmental Science	SOC 213: Power & Privilege	SOC 427: Internship*		
BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II	SOC 337: Research for Sociology	PSY 308 Abnormal Psych		
SOC elective such as SOC 240: Medical Sociology	By Advisement	SOC elective 300 level such as SOC 309: Soc of Mental Disorder		
WRT 201 Researching in the Community	By Advisement	By Advisement		
		By Advisement		

*Only 3 credits of internship are required but students may take more than 3 credits.

First Year OT Courses (meet 4th year undergraduate elective requirements)

August (on-line)	Fall	Spring
OTH 504 Foundations of OT	OTH 504 Foundations of OT Lab	OTH 512 Technology & Adaptations
	OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/ Labs A & B	OTH 567 Research Methods for the Health Professions
	OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	OTH 606 Evaluation & Intervention: Hand & Upper Extremity Rehabilitation/Lab
	OTH 515 Occup Perf Adulthood/Lab	OTH 608 Foundations of Physical Rehabilitation/Lab A
	OTH 503 Models & Theories in OT	OTH 609 Evaluation & Intervention: Psychosocial Settings/Lab
		OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar

By December 10 of the third year (or equivalent) of undergraduate academic study at Russell Sage College, 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
- 2) Submit current resume

Academic Standards for Acceleration into the MS in OT Program

Russell 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 (Recommended)
 - _____ 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 306 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 #: _____

Place
Photograph
Here
(optional)

E- mail address: _____

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

Russell Sage College 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 Russell Sage College 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:

	1/ Below Average;	2/ Average;	3/ Above Average;	4/ Superior		1	2	3	4
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 (August20xx): _____

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>Semester/Year Completed</i>	<i>Grade Received</i>	<i>Semester/Year in Progress</i>	<i>Anticipated Completion Date</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Anatomy & Physiology I with lab					
Anatomy & Physiology II with lab					
Physics I with lab (Recommended)					
Introduction to Psychology					
Lifespan Human Development					
Abnormal Psychology					
Statistics					
Sociology or Anthropology					
Medical Terminology (Recommended)					
Clinical Observation Hours (IF THESE OCCUR)					

Additional Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**MS in Occupational Therapy Program Summary
Students Entering OT Graduate Program 2021**

Entering Fall 2021

First Year: Summer 2021

OTH 504 Foundations of Occupational Therapy	2	2
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First Year: Fall 2021

OTH 501 Neuroscience/Lab	4	
OTH 503 Models & Theories in Occupational Therapy Practice	1	
OTH 504L Foundations of Occupational Therapy Lab	1	
OTH 507 Functional Anatomy & Applied Kinesiology/Lab A&B	6	
OTH 515 Occupational Performance in Adulthood/Lab	4	16

First Year: Spring 2022

OTH 512 Technology & Adaptations	1	
OTH 567 Research Methods for the Health Professions	3	
OTH 606 Evaluation & Intervention: Hand & Upper Extremity Rehabilitation/Lab	4	
OTH 608 Foundations of Physical Rehabilitation/Lab A	2.5	
OTH 609 Evaluation & Intervention: Psychosocial Settings/Lab	4	
OTH 622 Fieldwork Seminar	2	16.5

Second Year: Summer 2022

OTH 514 Occupational Performance in Children & Youth/Lab	3	
OTH 608 Foundations of Physical Rehabilitation Lab B	1	
OTH 624 Fieldwork I: Physical Rehabilitation Settings	1	5

Second Year: Fall 2022

OTH 611 Evaluation & Intervention: Adult Physical Rehabilitation I/Lab	4	
OTH 612 Management of Occupational Therapy Services/Seminar	3	
OTH 617 Evaluation & Intervention: Early Intervention Settings/Lab	4	
OTH 623 Fieldwork I: Psychosocial Settings	1	
OTH 669 Research Seminar I	3	15

Second Year: Spring 2023

OTH 616 Evaluation & Intervention: School-based Practice/Lab	4	
OTH 618 Evaluation & Intervention: Adult Physical Rehabilitation II/Lab	4	
OTH 620 Community Occupational Therapy Practice	1.5	
OTH 626 Fieldwork I: Pediatric Settings	1	
OTH 636 Clinical & Professional Reasoning Seminar	2	
OTH 670 Research Seminar II	3	15.5

Third Year: Summer 2023

OTH 627 Fieldwork IIa	5	5
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Third Year: Fall 2023

OTH 628 Fieldwork IIb	5	5
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Total Credits in OT Graduate Program		80
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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.