

University of California and USC Medical Schools: Information on Acceptance of Prerequisite Courses Taken Abroad

Note: Medical school admission requirements vary, so be sure to review the information provided on each medical school's own website and reach out to each school's admissions office with questions.

University of California, Davis

Prerequisite courses must be completed at a US accredited college. However, if a US university (particularly) a UC undergrad school accepts the credit at their institution as an equivalent science course, we will accept it to fulfill a prerequisite requirement.

University of California Irvine

Thank you for your email. In general, we accept any prerequisite courses completed abroad if they are done through the formal process. This would mean that they would need to show up in the U.S undergraduate institution transcripts. Additionally, we recommend the Biology and Chemistry prerequisite courses to be completed at a U.S accredited institution.

University of California, Los Angeles

Admission email didn't work, but likely will follow USC since they focus on competencies rather than specific required courses. AP credit is also accepted.

University of California, Riverside

Thank you for your email. Since we do not accept international degrees, we typically suggest that applicants do not complete international courses. However, if the student is enrolled in UCSB, we may be able to accept the coursework if it's from an official study abroad program and the grade is posted on the student's UCSB degree transcript with credit hours on a 4.0 scale.

All applicants are also encouraged to review the AAMC website for further instructions on entering study abroad coursework on their AMCAS application.

University of California, San Diego

We accept them! If they transfer over onto their UCSB transcript we wouldn't need anything else. If they do not, they'd have to provide AMCAS with the transcript separately.

University of California, San Francisco

Thank you for your email. We do not recommend that applicants take prerequisite coursework abroad.

University of Southern California

The Keck SOM MD program does not require any specific coursework* (See website for *recommended* courses.) for application eligibility. The completion of a Baccalaureate degree (in any major) before entering our program and the completion of the MCAT are the only requirements for application eligibility. We do not have a preference in regards to where your individual coursework is completed.

How do I know if AMCAS requires an official transcript?

One (1) official transcript is required from each U.S., U.S. Territorial, or Canadian post-secondary institution at which you have attempted coursework, regardless of whether credit was earned. This includes but is not limited to:

- College-level courses attempted while in high school, even if they did not count toward a degree at any college.
- Colleges at which you originally attempted a course, even if transfer credit was subsequently accepted by another school.
- Colleges where you registered but did not earn any credit (e.g., incompletes, withdrawals, failures, audits, etc.).
- Courses that did not count toward a degree, regardless of whether credit was earned or transferred.
- Extension programs through which you attempted courses, if a separate transcript is provided by the Extension Division.
- Correspondence and home study programs.
- Military education.
- American schools overseas.
- U.S., U.S. Territorial, and Canadian medical schools.

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When is a transcript NOT required?

AMCAS does not require official transcripts in the following cases:

- Foreign college outside of the U.S., U.S. Territories, and Canada (not including American colleges overseas).
- Canadian CEGEP/Grade 13 Program.
- Current or upcoming coursework, if you have never previously enrolled at the college (if you select this option, AMCAS will not need a copy of the transcript when it becomes available. AMCAS will not update grades and/or courses that become available after you submit your application).
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