BIOLOGY:

Below is important information for those of you who plan to register for an upper-level Biology course for the Fall semester!

The vast majority of upper-level (course # starts with a 3 or 4) Biology courses have a “majors-only” requirement, meaning without appropriate permissions, only students whose primary major is Biology can enroll in these.

In order to ensure seats for students who need certain courses to graduate, the Department of Biology is asking all students who are not Biology majors but wish to take one of these restricted courses, to please complete the survey found at the link below. Beginning on April 21, we will start contacting students about overrides to register for these classes. During this time, students need to check their email daily, as the overrides will expire within 24 hours. We ask for your patience, as this could take up to 2 weeks for us to complete. Once seats have filled to capacity, we will continue to monitor any seat openings throughout the summer and contact students about these openings. Again, over the summer it will be critical for students still waiting on a seat to check their email daily due to the 24 hour window students will have to register.

Link to Survey: https://baylor.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bedUnkwtt2NDL1aO
**MEDICAL HUMANITIES:**

The MH department has a new policy for classes: **ALL MH classes require a permit.** The information is listed below. It is important that you look at the class you want to take in **schedule of classes** and then submit your request for a permit soon. *It is on a first come first serve request and the form is only open from March 1-23.* You will need to contact Sheila_D_Smith@baylor.edu to access the form (if you have declared MH as a minor then you will have access to the form on Canvas).

**Medical Humanities Departmental Approval Procedures**

Every course with an **MH** (Medical Humanities) prefix will require departmental approval and an override issued by our office for students to enroll. Without an override, students will not be able to register for any MH courses.

- To request departmental approval and an override, students will fill out a google form which will be located in “Modules” on the Medical Humanities Canvas page (current students who are not already on the MH Canvas page should email Sheila Smith at Sheila_D_Smith@baylor.edu to be added). This form will only be available at specific times during each semester. It is currently open March 1 – 23, 2022 for Summer 2022 and Fall 2022 registration.

- Requests for departmental approval/overrides after the announced deadline will not be processed. Once ALL students have registered, the departmental approval requirement will be removed and any student can register (regardless of major).

- Students should be reminded of the following:
  - There is a limited number of seats in our classes. This process is FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.
  - Departmental approval overrides do not automatically register you in the course.
  - Check pre-requisites carefully; departmental approval overrides do not waive pre-requisites.
The Medical Humanities office does NOT issue overrides for non-MH prefix courses, even if in our curriculum.

Under NO circumstance should students email professors directly to attempt to get into a course. Only the Medical Humanities office can issue these overrides and we will not do so if the procedure listed is not followed.

Students that received an override will be notified via email.

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### Save the Date!

- **Texas Role Models and Tips for TX Applicants** - March 10th @ 12 noon CST (via Zoom). Medical students will give advice, share their journey, and provide info about VCOM. This meeting may be helpful to students considering the journey to obtaining a DO, or who are uncertain if they want MD or DO programs. ***NOTE: VCOM gives Texans priority in their admissions screenings*** View the flyer [here](#) and sign up to attend [here](#).

- **A Conversation on Healthcare, Justice and Education** - April 7th @ 4:00 pm in Alexander Reading Room, with guest speaker Benjamin Anderson, Vice President of Rural Health Colorado Hospital Association (part of the HRC Formation Series)

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### Research & Internships 🕵️‍♀️

[Link to Research & Internships page]
Rice University Paid Science & Engineering Summer Research: Open to a variety of majors. Ten-week research-immersion internship programs at Rice University during the 2022 summer that provide research interns full-time financial support and housing on campus for those who require it. Students need not have prior research experience to be considered for these summer research opportunities. **Priority consideration will be given to students who apply by February 15, 2022.**

Summer Research Education in Cardiovascular Conditions (RECV) program: Participants will attend weekly seminars and work with investigators on a variety of research topics. The 2022 RECV program focuses on cardiovascular conditions and related topics including health disparities, ethics, genomics, clinical research and evidence-based practice. Students have an opportunity to participate in innovative "hands-on" research experiences and participate in writing groups that will develop peer-reviewed publications. At the end of the program, students present their projects at 2022 RECV Research Day. **Applications due March 23, 2022 at 11:59 pm. Apply [here](#).**

Heal the City Summer Internship: Heal the City is a free medical clinic that provides healthcare to the uninsured in Amarillo and the Panhandle. Heal the City has created a Heal the City Summer Internship program for students within the ages of 17-25. Summer interns have the opportunity to invest in the community as well as gain pre-professional experience.

Other Biomedical Research Internships: A catalog of biomedical research internships offered nationwide for high school, undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, graduate, and first-year medical students. (Please note, this link is password protected to maintain confidentiality).

PreHealth Research Programs: A variety of internships and research opportunities found on the PreHealth Office's website.
Below are workshops for all freshmen honors pre-health students (Sophomores welcome to join too!)

Monday, March 21st, 5:30-6:30 pm, Alexander Reading Room
Join a discussion led by Dr. Jason Whitt regarding non-lab research internship opportunities. FREE cookies and time to mingle afterward!

Monday, April 11th, 5:30-6:30 pm, Alexander Reading Room
Come listen to local physicians give advice regarding job shadowing. FREE cookies and time to mingle afterward!

Monday, April 25th, 5:30-6:30 pm, Alexander Reading Room
Come hear Dr. Andy Hogue and Baylor alumni talk about gap years and fellowships. FREE cookies and time to mingle afterward!

Article of the Week

Anatomy of An Applicant: Competency Resources & Self-Assessment Guide for Medical School Applicants
Did you know you can find out specific medical schools' admissions statistics? The Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR) guide can show you data such as MCAT scores, GPAs, clinical experience, volunteering hours, shadowing hours, and more of accepted applicants.

- [MSAR (subscription required). Costs between $28-$36](#)
- [Free Resources: MSAR main page and Premed Coursework & Competencies](#)
- [How to use MSAR before, during, and after you apply](#)

Check out this 2 minute video explaining what is on the MCAT!
Baylor College of Medicine - Seventh Annual Diversity Admissions Symposium
April 23, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm (virtual)

The Diversity Admissions Symposium provides assistance to accomplished undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students from diverse backgrounds, including underrepresented in medicine and science, first-generation, non-traditional, and sexual orientation and gender minority groups, who are interested in applying to BCM's medical, health professions or graduate biomedical sciences schools. In addition, selected attendees will be given an opportunity to participate in a mock interview with faculty and staff experienced with the admissions process. Click here for more info. Application deadline is March 25, 2022.

Altius MCAT Prep Course:
Less expensive than Kaplan! Click here for more info about this test prep course.

Upcoming Workshops (Spring 2022):

- **Thriving as a PreHealth Student:** March 23 @ 4:00-5:00 pm, BSB D.110
- **Medical/Dental School Application:** May 3, 4, & 5 @ 4 pm (Zoom Meeting ID 134 475 439; Passcode 899997)

In-Person Ask PreHealth Advising (no appointment necessary):

- March 18 @ 1:30-3:30 pm, BSB E. 301
- April 22 @ 1:30-3:30 pm, BSB E. 301

Baylor Bridges:
A new organization within the pre-health student programs that is aiming at
creating a network for Baylor alumni to interact with current pre-health students. Current project includes creating handwritten letters to send to all Baylor Prehealth Alumni. Volunteers needed! Click here to reserve a spot on the service team for updates regarding the time/dates of service!

**Committee Letter Process**
Eligible students are highly encouraged to begin this process during the fall semester of the year prior to applying to professional schools. Click here to learn more!

**Pre-Health Newsletter**
Click here to get updated on healthcare policies, research, events, and more!

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**VIRTUAL PRE-HEALTH ADVISING:**

**ASKPREHEALTH**

One-on-one virtual advising for all pre-health students. Click here for Spring 2022 hours!

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**Cocoa with Ms. Coco**

Drop-in Honors PreHealth Advising

Come by for a free cup of hot chocolate and ask your quick, pre-health related questions! *(Note, this does not replace your official advising appointment).*

All sessions held in Alexander conference room:

- Thurs, Apr 7 – 2:00-3:30 pm (please note the time change)
- Thurs, May 5 – 3:00-4:30 pm
Casa de Esperanza seeks applicants for the Hands of Hope Service Year Program, an ideal gap year opportunity for pre-med/pre-health students. Casa de Esperanza provides residential foster care to children ages birth through six who are in crisis due to abuse, neglect or the effects of HIV. Click here for more info, or contact Darean Talmadge at 713-529-0639 or dtalmadge@casahope.org.

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**GAP YEAR CONSIDERATIONS**

Come enjoy a community writing space with motivational snacks and drinks!

Every Thursday 8:30-10:00 pm
Memorial Senior Common Room

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**UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS**

Weekly Newsletter

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Other Resources

Honors Program
PreHealth Office & Student Organizations
Baylor Counseling Center & Pastoral Care
Tutoring & Academic Coaching
The Store (free food pantry)
Baylor Writing Center
Thesis Abstracts
Texas Medical & Dental Schools Application Services (TMDSAS)
Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)
AAMC 2021 Official Guide Medical School Admissions: How to Prepare for and Apply to Medical School