

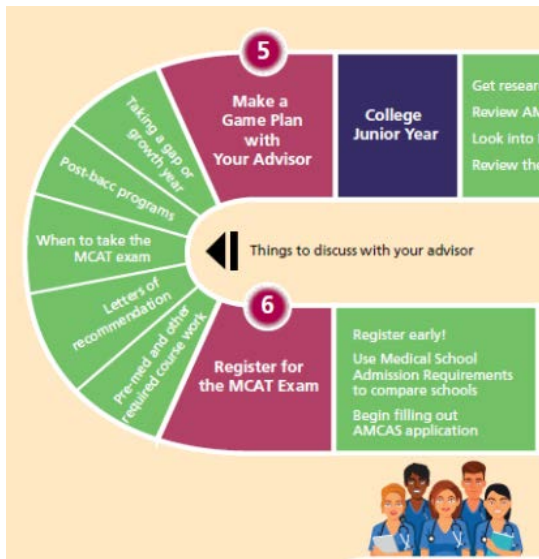
# Applying to Medical School, Part 1

## Time lines

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# Timeline



# Outline

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# Alphabet Soup

## Acronyms 4 U

- MCAT: Medical College Admissions Test
- PMAC: Premedical Advisory Committee
- AAMC: Association of American Medical Colleges
- AACOM: American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

# Application Services



- Opens in early May



- For D.O. schools



- For Texas

# Where to get accurate information-MSAR

**Medical School Admission Requirements™**

*The Medical School Admission Requirements™ (MSAR™) is an online database that enables you to browse, search, sort, and compare information about U.S. and Canadian medical schools and BS/MD programs, and more.*



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- Information on newly accredited medical schools
- Application procedures and deadlines
- Selection factors such as MCAT & GPA data
- Medical school class profiles
- Costs and financial aid packages
- Data on applicant volunteer and research experiences
- Research Opportunities
- MD/PhD and other combined degrees
- Graduates' specialty choices

## Class Requirements

## Where to get accurate information

**Filters**

Location  
Texas

Accepts Applicants  
 Search/Interview  
 U.S.  
 Canadian  
 International





Median MCAT  
475

Median GPA  
3.3

Application Deadline

Combined Degrees

Class Size

	<b>Baylor College of Medicine</b> Houston, TX   Private Institution   Urban Campus	<a href="#">View Profile</a>			
Combined Degrees BS/MD MD/MS MD/MPH MD/PhD MD/PhD	Also Accepts Out-of-state Canadian International	Application Deadline 11/8/2017	First Year Class 98	Tuition & Fees \$18,563 In-state \$32,963 Out-of-state	Median GPA Median MCAT <a href="#">Submissions Only</a>
<b>Compare</b>					
	<b>McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston</b> Houston, TX   Public Institution	<a href="#">View Profile</a>			
Combined Degrees MD/PhD MD/MPH MD/MS	Also Accepts Out-of-state Canadian International (Case-by-case)	Application Deadline 8/29/2017	First Year Class 240	Tuition & Fees \$18,617 In-state \$28,211 Out-of-state	Median GPA Median MCAT <a href="#">Submissions Only</a>
<b>Compare</b>					
	<b>Texas A&amp;M Health Science Center College of Medicine</b> Bryan, TX   Public Institution   Urban Campus	<a href="#">View Profile</a>			
Combined Degrees MD/MS MD/PhD MD/MPH	Also Accepts Out-of-state (Case-by-case) Canadian (Case-by-case)	Application Deadline 8/29/2017	First Year Class 160	Tuition & Fees \$17,392 In-state \$30,892 Out-of-state	Median GPA Median MCAT <a href="#">Submissions Only</a>
<b>Compare</b>					
	<b>Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine</b> El Paso, TX   Public Institution   Urban Campus	<a href="#">View Profile</a>			
Combined Degrees Not Provided	Also Accepts Out-of-state	Application Deadline 8/29/2017	First Year Class 100	Tuition & Fees \$17,618 In-state	Median GPA Median MCAT <a href="#">Submissions Only</a>
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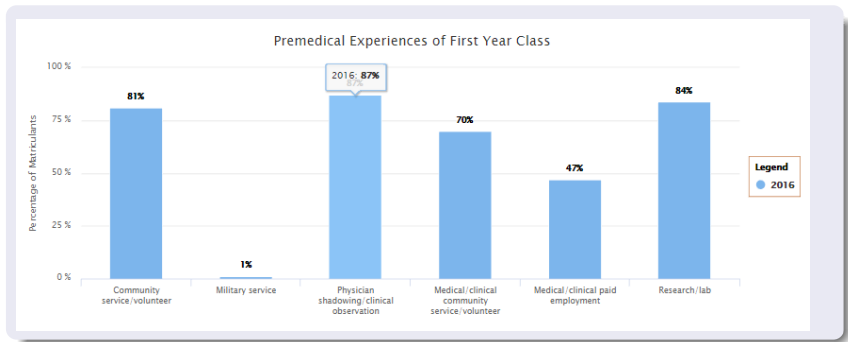
## Class Requirements

## Courses Table from MSAR

Courses	Required/Recommended	Lab	Credit Hours ⓘ	AP Accepted?	Online Accepted?	Community College Accepted?
<b>Behavioral Sciences</b>						
Biochemistry	Recommended			✗	ⓘ	✗
Biology	Required	✓		✓	✗	✓
Biology/Zoology						
<b>Calculus</b>						
College English	Required			✓	✗	✓
<b>College Mathematics</b>						
<b>Computer Science</b>						
Genetics	Recommended			✗	ⓘ	✗
<b>Humanities</b>						
Inorganic Chemistry	Required	✓		✓	✗	✓
Organic Chemistry	Required	✓		✗	✗	✓
Physics	Required	✓		✓	ⓘ	✓
Psychology	Recommended			ⓘ	ⓘ	✓
<b>Social Sciences</b>	Recommended			ⓘ	ⓘ	✓



# Activities from MSAR

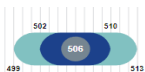


Some Data

# 2017 Data - UAMS

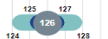
## 2017 FRESHMEN SNAPSHOT

- Average GPA of those accepted: 3.78
- Average MCAT of those accepted: 507
- Average age of those accepted: 22.5; age range 21-35
- 85% of Freshmen received their undergraduate degree from Arkansas colleges
- 51% of those accepted majored in Biology; followed by Biochemistry at 14%
- 74% of all accepted students majored in one of the traditional sciences
- 77% of the applicant pool were first-time applicants
- A total of 2234 applicants from 44 states and DC submitted an AMCAS application
- Class size for 2017 is 174

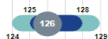


### Section Scores

Chemical and Physical  
Foundations of Biological  
Systems



Critical Analysis and  
Reasoning Skills



Biological and Biochemical  
Foundations of Living  
Systems

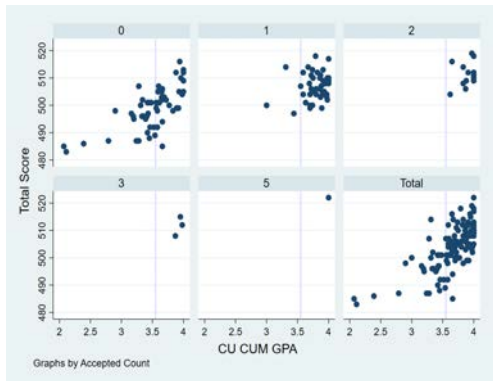


Psychological, Social,  
and Biological  
Foundations of Behavior



Some Data

# UofA applicants from last year



Category	GPA	MCAT
All	3.67	504
Accepted	3.82	508
Range	3.0 - 4.0	497 - 522

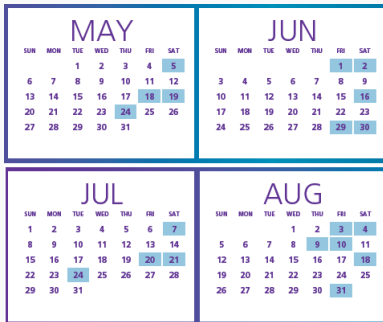
# AMCAS Timing Issues

## AMCAS

- You first submit AMCAS form to PMAC.
  - 1 We use it to evaluate you.
  - 2 We help you polish it.
  - 3 Works best if you submit to AMCAS after the PMAC evaluation, or at least after your PMAC interview.
- This has obvious consequences re: timing.

# Test Dates vs. Scores

## Example



# Who and what is PMAC?

ARSC	ENGR	COHEP
James Walker	Tim Muldoon	Fran Hagstrom
Tim Kral	Hanna Jensen	Dean Gorman
Jackson Jennings		
Mack Ivey		
Colin Heyes	HC	PROVOST'S
Suresh Kumar	Monica Moore	Suzanne McCray
Lorraine Brewer		
Charlie Wilkins		
Casey Kayser	PAT WALKER HC	
Shane Barker	Huda Sharaf	

Table: Who

# Who and what is PMAC?

**What: PMAC evaluates application materials and interviews applicants**

For each applicant, the committee considers the academic record, character and motivation, interpersonal skills, leadership, extenuating circumstances, letters, and other information. These factors, plus the interview with two members of the PMAC, are discussed in the committee letter.

# PMAC Time Lines

## General time line

- 1 Take MCAT
- 2 Arrange for your letters of recommendation
- 3 Apply to PMAC
- 4 Interview with PMAC
- 5 Get feedback
- 6 Submit your AMCAS application to medical schools



# Summer Applications

## Important Dates

- Last allowed MCAT test date: **June 2, 2018**
- **PMAC** Application deadline: **June 11, 2018**

## Schedule

- Interviews: mid-June through mid-July
- Committee letters submitted in late July

# Fall Applications

## Dates TBA

- MCAT no later than end of July *highly* recommended
- PMAC Fall applicant deadline: mid-August
- Interviews: late August - September
- Applicants evaluated September through October

Test Dates

## Full MCAT Calendar for 2018

JAN							FEB							MAR						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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APR							MAY							JUN						
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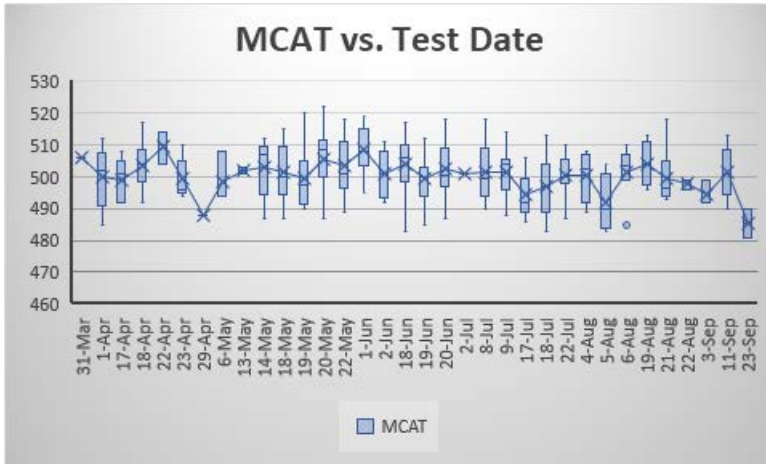
JUL							AUG							SEP						
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# What to consider when choosing test date

## Test date

- Takes a month to get score
- Score is required for committee letter
- Latest MCAT considered varies by school  
(e.g., UM-KC: was **June 30th!** this year)
- Retakes

# Past scores by test date



# MCAT Essentials

