

AMCAS® Application Course Classification Guide

The following guide provides examples of how courses are often categorized. Please select course classifications based on the primary content of the course.

In the case of interdisciplinary courses, where two or more subject matters are combined into one course, refer to the description of the course on your school's website or consult with your prehealth advisor to choose the most appropriate course classification.

Biology (BIOL)*

- Anatomy
- Biology
- Biophysics
- Biotechnology
- Botany
- Cell Biology
- Ecology
- Entomology
- Genetics
- Histology
- Human Anatomy
- Immunology
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Neuroscience
- Physiology
- Zoology

Chemistry (CHEM)*

- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Physical Chemistry
- Thermodynamics
- Toxicology

Physics (PHYS)*

- Astronomy
- Physics

Mathematics (MATH)*

- Algebra
- Applied Mathematics
- Biostatistics
- Calculus
- Geometry
- Mathematics
- Statistics

Behavioral and Social Sciences (BESS)

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Family Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology

Business (BUSI)

- Accounting
- Finance
- Human Resource Studies
- Management
- Marketing
- Organizational Studies

Communications (COMM)

- Journalism
- Media Production and Studies
- TV, Video, and Audio

Computer Science and Technology (COMP)

- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Information Systems
- Telecommunications

Education (EDUC)

- Counseling and Personnel Services
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Educational Administration
- Educational Policy
- Health Education
- Human Development
- Physical Education (except sports courses)
- Special Education

Engineering (ENGI)

- Aerospace Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering

- Electrical Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering

English Language and Literature (ENGL)

- Composition & Rhetoric
- Creative Writing
- Literature

Fine Arts (ARTS)

- Art
- Art History
- Dance
- Fine Arts
- Music
- Photography
- Theatre

Foreign Languages, Linguistics, and Literature (FLAN)

- American Sign Language
- Comparative Literature
- Linguistics
- Foreign Language(s) and Literature

Government, Political Science, and Law (GOVT)

- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Government
- International Relations and Studies
- Law/Legal Studies
- Political Science
- Public Affairs and Policy
- Urban Policy and Planning

Health Sciences (HEAL)

- Allied Health
- Chiropractic
- Dentistry
- Hearing and Speech Sciences
- Hospital Administration
- Kinesiology
- Nursing

- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Osteopathy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Public Health
- Pharmacology and Pharmacy
- Sports Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine

History (HIST)

- History

Natural and Physical Sciences (NPSC)

- Agriculture
- Animal and Avian Sciences
- Environmental Science and Policy
- Forestry
- Geography
- Horticulture
- Landscape Architecture
- Meteorology
- Natural Resources
- Oceanography

Other (OTHR)

All courses that do not fit appropriately into another classification, as well as tennis, golf, aerobics, etc.

- Architecture
- Library Science
- Military Science

Philosophy and Religion (PHIL)

- Ethics
- Logic
- Philosophy
- Religion
- Theology

Special Studies (SSTU)

- Afro-American Studies
- American Studies
- Gender Studies

