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

**Chemistry (CHEM)**
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Physical Chemistry
- Thermodynamics
- Toxicology

**Physics (PHYS)**
- Astronomy
- Physics

**Mathematics (MATH)**
- Applied Mathematics
- Biostatistics
- Mathematics
- Statistics

**Behavioral and Social Sciences (BESS)**
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Family Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology

**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

**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

**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

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