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## ABOUT US

Founded in 1908, the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy aims to improve worldwide health through its education, research and service missions.

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# SOPHOMORE ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM



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## WHAT IS SOPHOMORE ADVANCED STANDING?

Our new Sophomore Advanced Standing Program (SAS) provides an opportunity for University of Mississippi freshmen to earn guaranteed seats in the professional pharmacy program upon completion of three years of pre-pharmacy coursework, avoiding the competitive selection process for regular entry admission. All students who complete the three-year pre-pharmacy curriculum and first year of the professional curriculum will also receive a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree. Upon earning the B.S.P.S. at the end of the first year of the professional program (senior year), students will complete three additional years of study in the professional program before earning a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree and sitting for the national licensure exam to practice pharmacy.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

University of Mississippi freshmen may complete an application for Sophomore Advanced Standing status by May 1 at [pharmacy.olemiss.edu/sas](http://pharmacy.olemiss.edu/sas).



## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

University of Mississippi freshmen who show:

1. Continuous University enrollment in a minimum of 14 hours per semester during the freshman year.
2. Successful completion by end of July of freshman science courses defined in the curriculum for the B.S.P.S. degree. All core classes must be taken at the University of Mississippi with grades of C or higher.
3. A GPA of 3.25 on required courses attempted the first year. For students also enrolled in the Honors College, grades received in Honors 101 and 102 will be treated as required courses in lieu of WRIT 101 and 102. Required courses designated as honors courses will provide five quality points for an A; four for a B; and so on. The UM plus/minus grading system will not be used in calculating the GPA requirements stated above.
4. Minimum composite ACT of 25 is preferred.

## HOW DOES THE SELECTION PROCESS WORK?

The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy Admissions Sub-Committee, under the guidance of the Scholastic Standards Committee, will review application for admission and extend offers by August 1.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Upon acceptance to the Sophomore Advanced Standing Program, students must declare the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree for their sophomore and junior years. After achieving a 3.25 cumulative GPA on all required courses attempted at the end of the second and third years, receiving a minimum of 400 on the PCAT and participating in the Early Decision phase of the PharmCAS application and interview processes, those accepted to the program will receive preferred admission to the professional program.