The MCAT: Current MCAT and MCAT\textsuperscript{2015}

The MR5 advisory committee was appointed by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) in the fall of 2008 to review the current Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). This was the fifth assessment of the exam since it was initiated in 1928 (the current version has been in use since 1991).

The MR5 recommended changes to the MCAT that incorporate testing of the natural sciences, the social and behavioral sciences, and critical analysis and reasoning. MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} will be introduced in the spring of 2015.

- If you take the MCAT through January 2015, you will take the current test. (From 2013 on, the Writing Sample section will be eliminated.)
- If you take the MCAT from March 2015 on, you will take MCAT\textsuperscript{2015}. Students entering college in the Class of 2016 will be the first cohort to take the new MCAT.

MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} will last approximately 6.5 hours. It will include the following sections:

- Biological & Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems
- Chemical & Physical Foundations of Biological Systems
- Critical Analysis & Reasoning Skills
- Psychological, Social, & Biological Foundations of Behavior

Current MCAT (pre-MCAT\textsuperscript{2015})

To prepare for the current MCAT, administered through January 2015, students should take introductory coursework (2 semesters each, plus labs) in biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, calculus, physics, and English. Biochemistry is also highly recommended. See Planning Coursework for Medical School for course selection.

How will MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} affect your undergraduate premedical preparation?

See Planning Coursework for Medical School for details. In addition to introductory coursework (2 semesters each, plus labs) in biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, calculus, physics, and English, you will need to take the following to be fully prepared for MCAT\textsuperscript{2015}:
Biochemistry (2 semesters)
Statistics (1 semester)
Psychology (1 semester)
Sociology (1 semester)
Biology (Core III: Comparative & Integrative)