

HPAC Committee

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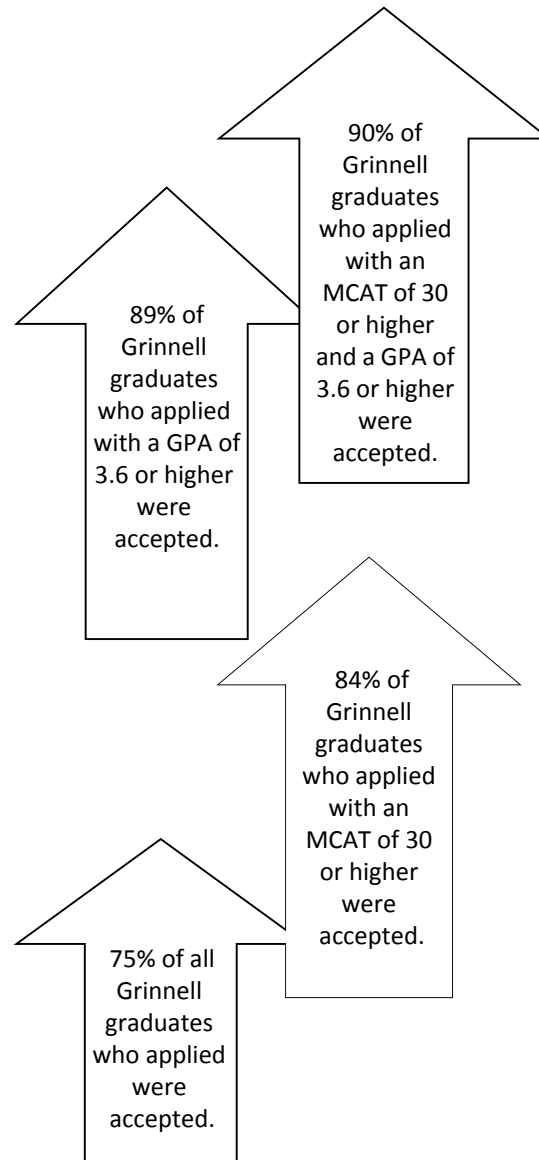
HPAC Website:

www.grinnell.edu/about/committees/hpac

Please visit our website for more information on course planning, applying to different programs, and activities for the year.

Year	Average GPA of accepted Grinnell Graduate MD & DO
2005	3.59
2006	3.54
2007	3.70
2008	3.57
2009	3.55
2010	3.56
2011	3.67
2012	3.80
2013	3.61
2014	3.71

Data is for Grinnell Graduates (2006-2015) who were accepted into MD or DO programs within 5 years of graduation.



Health Professions Advisory Committee



Information

2015-2016

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General Premedical Requirements*:

- 1 year of Biology (Biology 251, 252, note 150 is a prerequisite for 251)
- 2 years Chemistry (Chemistry 129, 210, 221, 222)
- 1 year English (Tutorial counts for one semester; second semester should stress literature)
- 1 year Physics (Physics 131, 132)
- Calculus (Calculus is not required for admission to most medical schools. However, calculus is required for physics at Grinnell College)
- Statistics (Some med schools are starting to require stats)

*These are the minimum requirements for the majority of U.S. medical schools. Some schools may have additional requirements; however, these additional requirements seldom affect the scheduling of courses in the first and second year.

When to take the MCAT Exam

For admission to medical school in the Fall following college graduation, the medical college admissions test (MCAT) should be taken in the spring of the junior year. All of the material covered in required courses is subject to examination on the MCAT. Therefore, all of the requirements listed on the left must be completed by the end of the junior year. It is important to note that for incoming students without any advanced placement, this averages two courses in the science division per semester.

Each year about half of the Grinnell applicants to medical school have graduated already. Most of them took the MCAT exam as a senior. These students spread the required coursework over 8 semesters and many participated in off-campus study.

Suggested Additional Courses:

Many schools recommend:

Biochemistry

Other courses to consider include:

Animal Development

Animal Physiology

Microbiology

Neurobiology

Psychology

Sociology

Other Important Resources:

Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC):
<http://www.aamc.org>

American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM):
<http://www.aacom.org>

Grinnell College Center for Careers, Life, and Service:
1127 Park Street