



Best Undergrad Major and College:

Your undergrad major has no impact on your competitiveness as an applicant.

The most common undergrad major for optometry is biology which most naturally encompasses the pre-requisite requirements as part of that major. The second most common is chemistry and the third is psychology.

Applicants have a variety of undergrad majors. For some, optometry is a second career. That is why the OAT exam results are so important because those scores demonstrate an applicant's proficiency in "hard science" subjects regardless of their major.

Does it make any difference which college or university I attended for undergrad?

The quick answer is "no." As long as your GPA is strong, it does not matter where you complete your undergrad or pre-requisite coursework.

During the preliminary evaluation of your application, the competitiveness of your undergrad institution is given consideration and accounted for when considering your GPA. A national ranking of all colleges and universities within the U.S is utilized. This ranking takes into consideration the competitiveness of the GPA required for an undergrad student to gain admission to the school. Since grading is done on a curve, a college with a higher ranking would mean that it is more competitive and therefore more difficult for a student to obtain a higher GPA. We take this into consideration when reviewing an application.

Community colleges are an acceptable option for completing the pre-requisite requirements.

The college you chose to complete the pre-requisite courses must be a fully regionally accredited institution. Check the institution's website for accreditation specifics.

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