3-3 Physical Therapy Program with Upstate Medical University

Course Work during years 1, 2 and 3 at SUNY Geneseo

(please see additional notes at bottom especially in reference to asterisks in descriptions)

Fall, Year 1 (Geneseo) – 15 credits

Biol 117 – Basic Biology I for majors – 3 credits
Biol 116 – Basic Biology lab – 2 credits (can also be taken spring semester)
Chem 116 – General Chem I – 3 credits
Math 112 – precalculus or Math 221 – calculus I – 4 credits
Intd 105 – Interdisciplinary writing course for all freshmen – 3 credits (can also be taken spring semester but must be completed by end of freshmen year)

Spring, Year 1 (Geneseo) – 15 credits

Biol 119 – Basic Biology II for majors – 3 credits
Chem 118 – General Chem II – 3 credits
Chem 119 – General Chemistry laboratory – 2 credits (can also be taken fall semester)
Math 221 - Calculus– 4 credits (if completed during first semester can take Math 262 – statistics – 3 credits)
Psyc 100 – Introduction to psychology – 3 credits

Fall, Year 2 (Geneseo) – 15 credits

Biol 222 – Genetics – 3 credits (can also be taken in the spring semester, year 2)
Chem 211 – Organic Chemistry I – 3 credits
Chem 216 – Organic Chemistry laboratory – 2 credits (can also be taken in the spring semester, year 2)
Phys113 – General Physics I – 3 credits
Phys 114 – General Physics I laboratory – 1 credit
*Language (if needed) – 3 credits

Spring, Year 2 (Geneseo) – 15 credits

Biol 203 – Ecology – 3 credits (can also be taken in the fall semester, year 2).
Chem 213 – Organic Chemistry II – 3 credits
Phys 115 – General Physics II – 3 credits
Phys 116 – General Physics II laboratory – 1 credit
*Language (if needed) - 3 credits
**Fine Arts and/or multicultural course (F or F/M) for General Education requirement – 3 credits

Fall – Year 3 (Geneseo) – 114 – 17 credits

Biol 300 – Cell Biology – 3 credits
Biol 207 – Anatomy lecture – 3 credits
Biol 208 – Anatomy Lab – 1 credit (can also be taken spring semester, year 3)
Humn 220 – Humanities I – 4 credits – a general education requirement (H)
Language (if needed)* - 3 credits
***Hist 150/151 or any U course – US history requirement also counts for a general education (S) requirement – 3 credits

Spring – Year 3 (Geneseo) – 14 credits

Biol 264 – Human Physiology lecture and lab – 4 credits
Humn 221 – Humanities II – 4 credits – a general education requirement (H)
Psyc 215, 216 or 217 – Developmental Psychology (childhood, adolescent or adult respectively) – 3 credits (can be taken in fall semester, year 3). Also counts for a general education requirement (S)
**Fine Arts and/or multicultural course (F or F/M, respectively) for general education requirement – 3 credits

Year 4 – (Upstate)

Students should apply for a leave of absence during the spring semester of year 3 at SUNY Geneseo. Students must complete a total of at least 29 credit hours to meet the 120 credit hours requirement for the BA degree at SUNY Geneseo. Students should arrange to have their transcript sent from SUNY Upstate to SUNY Geneseo by the end of the term. In addition students should apply for graduation from SUNY Geneseo sometime in October so that you can walk with your class in May of your 4th year.

Addition notes:

* The language requirement can be fulfilled by taking one year beyond the Reagents exam in high school (four years total) and scoring an 85% or better on the Reagents exam. For students who have never had a particular foreign language in high school they should start out at the 101 level. However, if you have had any previous courses in the language you are pursuing you must start at the 102 level. The foreign language requirement is fulfilled by taking up through the 201 level in that language. Alternatively students can take a placement test in a particular language during the first week of college, which may place them in the 201 level or above. If above they may qualify for the foreign language general education core requirement.

** There are 2 fine arts (F) requirements which can be fulfilled by taking 2 courses that have the F notation before them from the courses offered at SUNY Geneseo. Note that the courses must be from different departments such that you can take a music course (Musc) and a fine arts studio (ArtS) course or a fine arts studio (ArtS) course and a fine arts history (ArtH) course but not two courses in fine arts studio or two courses in music. These courses can be taken any semester that fits into your schedule but have been placed in the respective places on this sheet for convenience.

*** The United States history course is a general education requirement that has the notation of (U). Note that not all history (Hist) have this notation. In addition many of the U courses carry the S (social science) notation and can therefore count as a general education course that fulfills the S requirement. But not all U courses do fulfill the S requirement. This information will be listed in the course bulletin with the course description. The U requirement can also be fulfilled by earning a 3, 4 or 5 on the US history AP exam. This course can also be taken any semester that fits into your schedule but has been placed in the respective place on this sheet for convenience.

The undergraduate academic calendar can be found on SUNY Geneseo's website:

http://www.geneseo.edu/academics

3 + 3 DPT agreement with SUNY Upstate

SUNY Geneseo has an agreement with SUNY Upstate that allows students pursuing a BA in biology to start at SUNY Upstate during their senior year of college provided they have been accepted into the program at SUNY Upstate and they have fulfilled all the prerequisites at SUNY Geneseo as outlined below. This agreement allows students to obtain courses at SUNY Geneseo their first three years of college and then finish their bachelor's degree at SUNY Upstate during

their senior year of college. After completing their first year at SUNY Upstate they will then be granted a BA (or BS) in Biology from SUNY Geneseo (and walk with their class during graduation at SUNY Geneseo). They will then continue with the last two years of their DPT program at SUNY Upstate to obtain a Doctor of Physical Therapy from SUNY Upstate.

Specifics of the program:
Students interested in the 3 + 3 program must apply to SUNY Upstate directly and **can apply in High School**. SUNY Upstate is only accepting applications from high school seniors for the 3 + 3 program. For the 3+3 program you still have to be pursuing BA or BS in Biology at SUNY Geneseo to qualify for this program. Acceptance to SUNY Geneseo does not guarantee acceptance to SUNY Uptate. The prerequisites for application to SUNY Upstate are listed below and categorized by year of application:

High School
SAT minimum score of 1200 or ACT score of 27
HS grade point average of 90% or higher
HS rank - top 20% of class
Four years of Science and Math at the regents or honors level (honors level, AP or IB courses recommended).
Appropriate letter of recommendation from a Physical Therapist (if available)
Demonstrated desire to become a Physical Therapist through some type of health care experience.
Essay outlining their volunteer/work experience and reasons for wanting to enter this profession.
Completed application must be received by February 1st.

Conditions of Acceptance by SUNY Upstate for the 3 + 3 program (once accepted by SUNY Upstate):
Must complete all prerequisites for admission into SUNY Upstate including:

- Work or volunteer experience in physical therapy (40 hours per year or 80 hours total in a minimum of two different settings).
- CPR and first aid certification.
- A minimum of 94 credit hours including all general education core and Biology department requirements for obtaining a BA in Biology from SUNY Geneseo.
- Must maintain a 3.3 GPA and a minimum of a B in science courses is recommended.
- GREs are waived for students accepted into this program.
- All science pre-requisite courses must include laboratories
- Courses with grades of C- or better are acceptable for transfer credit.
- Students will spend three years at SUNY Geneseo and three years (9 semesters) in the DPT program at Upstate.
- SUNY Geneseo agrees that a student accepted by Upstate will pay DPT tuition to Upstate for the first year and all subsequent years of study at Upstate.

Additional notes for those who are accepted into the SUNY Geneseo and SUNY Upstate 3+3 program
1. You must file a "leave of absence" at the end of their junior year before going to SUNY Upstate. This will retain their active student status at SUNY Geneseo during their first year at SUNY Upstate.

2. As a BA or BS Biology major you can waive the seminar requirement at SUNY Geneseo. However, you must get an official waiver from the Biology Department to have this accepted into your record.

Additional questions often asked by prospective students and parents:
Does the pre-PT program offer specific courses in exercise physiology?
No.

Does the anatomy course at SUNY Geneseo dissect human cadavers?
No.

Can a student pursue a major other than biology and still be in the 3 + 3 DPT program with SUNY Upstate?
The program is designed for Biology majors. Ideally students in the 3 + 3 program pursue a BA in Biology. They can pursue a BS in biology as well but this is a great deal more difficult to obtain in three years unless they have brought in a certain amount of transfer credit. The program is not designed for students interested in pursuing a major in another area. Double-majors and minors are hard to obtain when following the 3 + 3 program unless the student has brought in a lot of transfer credit or pursues course work during the summers.

Can a student accepted into the 3 + 3 program defer a year so that she/he can continue with her/his senior year of college at SUNY Geneseo and then go on to three years at SUNY Upstate to complete the DPT program?
While deferment is not guaranteed students wishing to defer are allowed to ask for a deferment. This has been granted to at least two students at SUNY Geneseo who finished their 4th year at SUNY Geneseo and then continued with their DPT program at SUNY Upstate.

Can a student go to another graduate school besides SUNY Upstate?
The 3 + 3 agreement is specific for SUNY Upstate. A SUNY Geneseo graduate, however, can apply to other physical therapy programs throughout the country. A complete list of accredited DPT granting institutions can be found at www.apta.org. The prerequisites are, generally, the same as listed above. However, some schools show considerable preference for undergrads who have completed the pre-physical therapy program at their own institution. For instance, SUNY Buffalo has very strict pre-requisites for their program and most students in that track obtain very specific courses geared towards physical therapy that admission into their DPT program is very difficult if a student is not an undergraduate at that institution. Some schools will offer an accelerated program during the summer prior to their first semester of the DPT program for students from other institutions. This is the case for Daemon college for instance, which now offers pre-requisite courses specific to their DPT program during the summer for students with a bachelors from another institution. Acceptance is still based on having the pre-requisites similar to those listed at the beginning of this description.

If you are in the 3 + 3 program and you want to defer a year, can you still apply to other PT programs and keep your spot at SUNY Upstate?
Yes. This is perfectly acceptable. If you decide to defer you should contact SUNY Upstate as soon as you can since deferment is not guaranteed. But there is no regulation on applying to other PT programs while in deferment. However, not that you will probably have to take the

GREs for application to other PT programs. In this case you should contact the individual program to find the exact prerequisites for that particular program.

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