

Preparation for Admission to Health Informatics and Information Management Programs

Listed below are the courses required for admission to the Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM) program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson (UMMC). Other HIIM programs (also called medical records administration) have similar requirements, but you should study the specific prerequisites for the schools to which you plan to apply. The prerequisite courses are typically completed in 2 years at DSU. After successful completion of 2 additional years at UMMC, you receive a bachelor of science degree in health informatics and information management.

	Courses	Credit	Notes
General Education Requirements			
English Composition	ENG 101 and ENG 102 or 103	6	Two semesters of English composition
Communication Studies	COM 101	3	Public speaking
Humanities and Fine Arts	Choose 3 courses from: history, literature, foreign language, journalism, philosophy, art or music appreciation, or theater.	9	Because literature, fine arts, and history are required for all DSU majors, most students should select courses that will count toward a DSU degree in case they decide to stay at DSU until graduation. See the current DSU <i>Bulletin</i> for details on general education courses.
Social or behavioral science	Choose two courses from: economics, political science, psychology, or sociology.	6	Most students should take general psychology (PSY 101) and sociology (SOC 101) because these are specifically required for some other health related programs.
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Science and Other Requirements			
Accounting	ACC 220	3	General accounting I
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Recommended electives			
		9-10	Take enough elective courses to bring your total credit to at least 59 hours. Electives should be selected from subjects such as management, business communication, statistics, psychology, and especially additional computer science.
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Additional Notes:

- A minimum of 59 credit hours is required.
- Enrollment in upper-level BIO courses (BIO 200 and above) requires that you have "Full Admission" status, which means that you have completed BIO 100 with a grade of C or better. Consult the University *Bulletin* or the Department of Biological Sciences web site for more information.
- Credit for physical education, military science, dogmatic religion, vocational courses, and science courses designed for non-science majors may not be counted toward the prerequisites for professional school.
- For more information on the health information management program at UMMC, visit their web site at: <http://shrp.umc.edu/HIM/index.html>. There is even a video clip featuring a former DSU student, Heather Beeland.
- Admission to UMMC School of Health Related Professions programs requires a grade point average of at least 2.0. To be competitive, you need a GPA significantly higher than this minimum—at least 3.0. The average GPA of students who are accepted is higher still. All grades, including failing grades and grades of repeated courses, are used to calculate your GPA for the purpose of admission. A minimum grade of C is required in each course accepted for prerequisite credit.
- **IMPORTANT:** Application to health professional schools is very competitive. Completion of the minimum requirements will not ensure admission. Admission decisions are based on policies established by the professional school's faculty and admission committee. Successful applicants typically have GPAs and other qualifications well in excess of stated minimums. Talk to your advisor for more information on what is realistically needed to have a good chance of getting into your desired professional school.