



**Stern College for Women and Columbia University**

# **Combined Program in Occupational Therapy**

## **What is Occupational Therapy?**

Occupational Therapy (OT) is a health profession that uses purposeful activities appropriate to each person's age and social role to restore, develop, and maintain the ability for independent, satisfying living. Occupational therapists, as members of a health team, provide special services, individually or in groups.

## **Articulation Agreement in Occupational Therapy**

Stern College for Women offers an articulated "3+2" year program in Occupational Therapy in conjunction with Columbia University's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine: three years at Stern College, followed by two years at Columbia. During their first three years, students complete general and Jewish Studies requirements, fulfill prerequisites to admission to Columbia and complete at least 22 credits towards an individually designed major (see Shaped Major). In order to meet the 110-credit requirement prior to leaving SCW, students who spend a year in Israel must take the maximum workload of 7 courses each semester plus two summer courses (unless they have AP or other transfer credit). Yeshiva University confers the BA degree at the successful completion of the fourth year of study and Columbia University confers the Master's degree at the close of the program.

## **Prerequisites for Admission to the Program**

1. 110 undergraduate credits are required for admission to the graduate segment of the program
2. A minimum overall GPA of 3.0
3. A grade of B or above is required in all prerequisite courses
4. Knowledge of, or experience in, Occupational Therapy through observation, work or volunteer experience is required

## Recommended Course Sequence

1 year in Israel (27 credits) + 4 semesters at SCW + 1 summer at SCW (1 General Education elective)

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Jewish Studies	Jewish Studies	Jewish Studies	Jewish Studies
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BIOL 1011C	BIOL 1012C	<b>BIOL 2730C</b>	<b>BIOL 3728C</b>
<b>PSYC 1010 (Found &amp; Contemp)</b>	Foundations & Contemporary	Foundations & Contemporary	Foundations & Contemporary
ENGL 1100	<b>STAT 1021 (Quantitative)</b>	<b>PSYC 2414</b>	Literature & Arts
Literature & Arts	<b>PSYC 1107</b>	Literature & Arts	SPEE 1010
Elective	<b>Major Elective</b>	Elective	Foundations & Contemporary

Students will need to complete a total of approximately 29 courses at SCW before beginning at Columbia: 8 Jewish Studies (2/semester) + 15 General Education (including STAT 1021) + 6 additional Shaped major courses.

## Notes:

- Make sure to request that Columbia send first year transcript to SCW
- Admission to the Columbia OT program is very competitive and admission to SCW does not guarantee entrance to Columbia

## How to Apply

Interested students should meet with Occupational Therapy Advisor, Mr. Jeffrey Mollin, as early as possible to plan a course of study. Students apply to the program in the fall semester of their junior year using the [OTCAS application portal](#). Columbia regularly holds virtual information sessions and attendance at these sessions is highly encouraged to increase an applicant's chances of admission.

**For further information please contact the pre-health advisor Prof. Jeffrey Mollin:**

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