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Combined Degree in Optometry

Students admitted to the Combined Degree Program in Optometry complete undergraduate requirements as specified below before continuing on to the professional sequence at the State University of New York College of Optometry (SUNY). Upon successful completion of the first year at SUNY, students will be eligible for the B.A. degree from Stern College.

The accelerated program is designed for exceptional students who can handle a heavy workload and who decide to pursue Optometry early in their academic experience.

Students who do not spend a year in Israel may complete the requirements at SCW in 3 years. Students who earn a year's credit in Israel should allow 2½ years at SCW to complete the requirements. Both variations appear in the tables below.

General Requirements

Standard B.A. Requirements of which the General Education electives may be met by transfer of credits from the first year courses at SUNY.

Shaped Major Requirements

General Biology / General Chemistry / General Physics / Organic Chemistry – **1 year of each**
 Calculus / Statistics – **1 semester of each**

Jewish Studies

Four (4) semester CORE, 14 credits electives

Additional Credits

As needed to reach a minimum of 105 undergraduate credits

Exit Exam

Acceptable score on OAT

Residency and Academic Standards

Standard minimum requirements at SCW credits

Recommended

BIOL 4023 Microbiology **

I. Three (3) years at SCW

	First Year		Second Year		Third Year	
	FALL	SPRING	FALL	SPRING	FALL	SPRING
1	Core	Core	Core	Core	Jewish Studies	Jewish Studies
2	Core	Core	Core	Core	Jewish Studies	Jewish Studies
3	Core	Core	Core	Core	Jewish Studies	Contemp. US+Global
4	BIOL Principles	BIOL Principles	Physics	Physics	Calculus	STAT
5	General CHEM	General CHEM	Organic CHEM	Organic CHEM	PSYC 1010*	Foundations
6	ENGL Comp.	Speech	Contemp. US+Global	Lit. + Art	Lit. + Art	Lit. + Art
	17 Credits	17 Credits	18 Credits	18 Credits	18 Credits	18 Credits
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II. One (1) year in Israel and Two-and-a-half (2½) years at SCW

	FALL	SPRING	FALL	SPRING	FALL
1	Core	Jewish Studies	Jewish Studies	Jewish Studies	Jewish Studies
2	Core	PSYC 1010*	Lit. + Art	Lit. + Art	Lit. + Art
3	Core	Speech	Calculus	Contemp. US+Global	Contemp. US+Global
4	BIOL Principles	BIOL Principles	Physics	Physics	STAT
5	General CHEM	General CHEM	Organic CHEM	Organic CHEM	Foundations
6	ENGL Comp.				
	17 Credits	17 Credits	19 Credits	18 Credits	15 Credits

* Foundations

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