

OTA to Occupation Studies Program

Fall 2026 – Selection Criteria

The OTA/OS Fall 2026 program will be using a multi-criteria selection process, which will include an in-person writing sample. Please see Writing Sample section below for additional information.

The selection process will use a point system as follows:

- Grade in Anatomy and Physiology
 - If taken as a combined course
 - A = 6 points
 - B = 4 points
 - C = 2 point
 - If taken separately or as two-part course (averaged between the two classes)
 - $3.5 - 4.0 = 8$ points
 - $3.0 - 3.49 = 6$ points
 - $2.5 - 2.99 = 4$ points
 - $2.0 - 2.49 = 2$ points
- Grade in Freshman Composition, ENGL 101 or C1000, or equivalent
 - A = 6 points
 - B = 4 points
 - C = 2 points
- Grade in Oral Communications Skill, CMST101, 102 or COMM C1000, 103, 140, or 145, or equivalent
 - A = 6 points
 - B = 4 points
 - C = 2 points
- Grade in Introduction to Psychology, PSYC 100 or C1000, or equivalent
 - A = 6 points
 - B = 4 points
 - C = 2 points

Bonus Points:

Additional lower division general education courses completed (meeting Plan A or Plan B or Plan 1 or Plan 2 of Advisement Sheet) will earn an extra one (1) point for each course completed (with a "C" or better), with a maximum of five (5) possible total points earned.

Writing Sample:

The top scoring applicants from the above criteria will be invited to complete a Writing Sample. The writing samples will be evaluated using the established rubric.

- Students will select one of two prompts to write a short essay. 20 minutes will be given to complete the short essay.
- Score of in-class writing – Max possible score = 40

The applicants with the highest total score will be selected to begin the enrollment process for the Fall 2026 OTA/OS program, along with 8 alternates.