Students may accelerate their progress to the degree by taking required and/or elective courses during Columbia's Summer Term (http://ce.columbia.edu/summer/columbia-students), which runs from late May through mid-August. Given the intensive nature of these courses, and the fact that the summer term includes courses that do not count toward the degree, GS students are urged to choose their summer term classes in consultation with their GS academic advisors, who will provide advance approval of their summer course selections.

GS students may take a maximum of 15 points for the entire summer term, with no more than nine points in either of the six-week sessions or in overlapping sessions. Students should consult with their departments for specific policies or course restrictions when taking courses to be applied toward the major.

With the exception of a small number of courses approved by the Premedical Committee, premedical students are strongly advised against taking the required science courses in the summer. Medical schools generally prefer that coursework be completed during the regular terms of enrollment. The Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program does not permit students to enroll in science classes in the summer, except to take preparatory courses, math, laboratory courses, and the twelve-week Physics II and General Chemistry II courses. The reason for this restriction is that the compressed summer term schedule is a less effective way to learn and leaves students ill-prepared for subsequent courses and for the MCAT. Premedical students should make sure they have the approval of their premed advisors prior to enrolling in summer term science courses.

For more information about taking summer courses as a GS student, including information about fulfilling core and major requirements, please see below.

Current List of Summer Session Courses
Summer Session Course Guidelines (http://bulletin.columbia.edu/general-studies/courses/summer-courses/2019_Summer_Session_Guidelines.pdf) (updated 3/7/19)