

# SUMMER COURSES

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Students may accelerate their progress to the degree by taking required and/or elective courses during Columbia's [Summer Term](#), 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.

Premedical students are generally advised against taking the required science courses in the summer in the six-week course format (with the exceptions of preparatory courses, math courses, and lab courses). The reason for this recommendation is that the compressed summer term schedule is extremely demanding for even the most well-prepared students. For most premedical students, science courses offered in the twelve-week format (Physics II, General Chemistry II) are more appropriate. Premedical students should make sure they have the approval of their premed advisors prior to enrolling in summer term science courses.

## Current List of Summer Session Courses

[Summer Session Guidelines](#) (updated 4/16/21)