Occupational Therapy
San José State University

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SJSU SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY

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Oldest public university in California: established 1857

One of 23 California State University campuses

Current enrollment is about 36,000

SJSU OT Faculty

10 tenured/tenure track faculty

15 part time faculty / practitioners

7 highly esteemed emeritus faculty

10 faculty have PhDs in clinical psychology, education, human science, occupational science, health science

6 Fellows of the American Occupational Therapy Association

Specialized practice certifications

One Fulbright scholar

Numerous books, chapters, articles and presentations, editorial boards, research grants

Occupational Therapy

Two points of entry into the profession:

Master's degree

Doctorate degree

Degree Programs:

Entry level Master's degree

Entry level Doctorate)octorat48 /Spa-6(g)-6(r)20(a)-6(m

The Curriculum

Curriculum Clusters

❑ Occupation-The Core of the Profession

❑ Foundations for Occupational Therapy Practice

❑ Professional Development

❑ Practice in the Community

❑ Research and Knowledge Development

❑ Practice of Occupational Therapy.

Degree Roadmap

◆ **Semester 1**

- OCTH 211: Historical and Theoretical Foundations of Occupational Therapy

- OCTH 221: Occupational Analysis

- OCTH 212: Occupation Through the Lifespan

- OCTH 224: Occupational Therapy Practice in the Community I

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Degree Roadmap

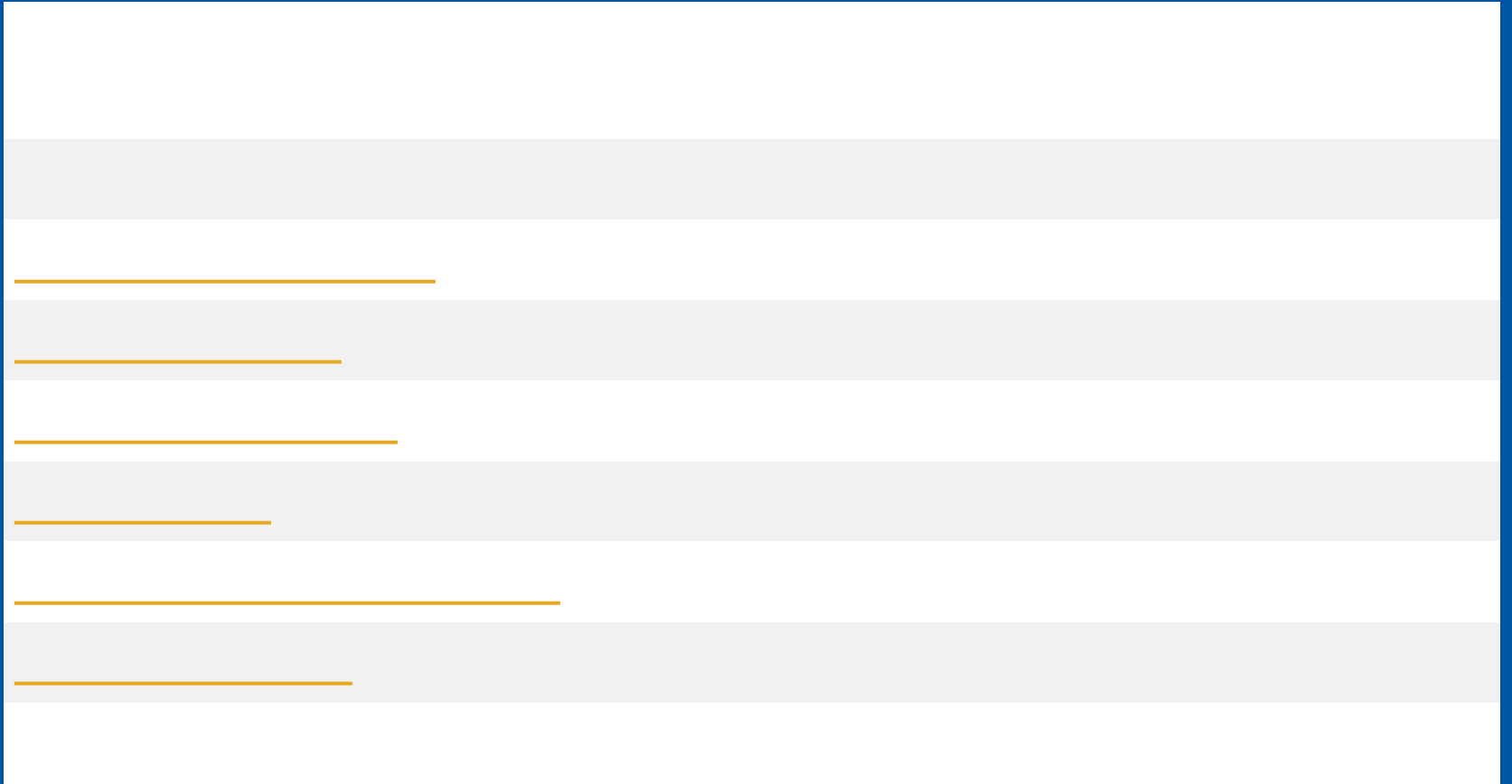## Semester 3

- OCTH 275: Evidence-Based Practice in OT
- OCTH 233: Professional Development II
- OCTH 246: OT with Young Adults or OCTH 256: OT with Middle Aged Adults
- OCTH 226: OT with Children or OCTH 286: Seminar and Practicum IB (4 units) OR OCTH 234: OT Practice in the Community II

Semester 4

- OCTH 295 Capstone Course
- OCTH 246: OT with Young Adults or OCTH 256: OT with Middle Aged Adults
- OCTH 266 OT with Older Adults
- OCTH 286: Seminar and Practicum IB (4 units) OR OCTH 234: OT Practice in the Community II
- OCTH 210 Seminar for Occupational Therapists

Fieldwork

❖ Following completion of the academic curriculum, students complete two 12-week, 40 hour per week fieldwork placements (OCTH 201A and OCTH 201B).

Cost of the MSOT Program
(Spring 25-CA residents)

Mandatory Registration Fees	Part-Time Rate 1.0 - 6.0 Units	Full-Time Rate 6.1 or More Units
Tuition Fee	$2,208	$3,804
Student Association Fee	$110	$110
Student Union Fee	$428	$428
Health Ctr Facility Fee	$40	$40
Document Fee	$19	$19
Student Success Excel Tech Fee	$376	$376
Student Health Fee	$190	$190
Totals	$3,371	$4,967

Admission Criteria

- GPA of 3.0 or better in last 60 semester or last 90 quarter units.

- Completion of prerequisite courses with a B or better prior to entry into the program.

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  direct supervision of an OT/L and 20 hours in a community agency.

Admission Criteria (continued)

- GRE (Required for OTD only)

  The following are preferred, but not required:

  GRE Verbal score of 153 and an Analytic Writing score of 4.0 on the GRE is highly recommended

GRE scores, GPA for prerequisite courses and for the last 60 units of coursework, will be considered in applicant ranking

- OTCAS application & Personal Statement

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Admission Criteria (continued)

◆ Submission of three letters of recommendation attesting to academic

Minimum requirement for MSOT Application Submission

- Must complete at least 4 out of 8 of prerequisite courses with a B grade or better

- At least half of the volunteer hours must be completed at the time of application. Volunteer experience evaluation forms must be submitted. The person who completes the volunteer form cannot also submit a letter of recommendation

- Personal statement

All prerequisites and volunteer hours must be completed before the start of classes.

Prerequisite Courses

◆ Human Anatomy with human cadaver lab*
◆ Physiology with lab
◆ Neuroanatomy   Bio 109 @ SJSU is offered on campus Spring semester and OCTH 190 is offered online during the Summer
◆ General (Intro) Psychology
◆ Abnormal Psychology (Adult Psychopathology)
◆ Sociology OR Cultural Anthropology (General course)
◆ Statistics*
◆ Skills Course

* = Must have been taken in last 7 years

Prerequisite Courses

All prerequisite courses can be taken at a community college except for the Neuroanatomy course. There is a list of acceptable courses to meet this required on our [website](#)

Please contact us if you wish to find out if a particular course you took meets the criteria for our prerequisites.

**Include the course syllabus or description from the catalog

Admission Information

◆ Applications are accepted once per year:

   ◆ MSOT: October 1st through February 1st

◆ Students are conditionally accepted on a rolling admission basis

MSOT Admission Criteria Checklist

- ✓ Minimum GPA of 3.0 in last 60 semester or last 90 quarter units of coursework

- ✓ Completion of prerequisite courses with a B or better prior to entry into the program

- ✓ 80 hours volunteer experience

- ✓ OTCAS application & Personal Statement

- ✓ Letters of Recommendation (OTCAS)

- ✓ Application packet to the OT department

- ✓ GAPE application

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Application Process

OTCAS

OT Department

CalState Apply/GAPE
   https://www2.calstate.edu/apply

You must complete the required paperwork for each of these

OTCAS-Occupational Therapy Common Application System

The following documents are submitted through OTCAS
    Application/Personal Statement
    Official Transcripts
    Letters of Recommendation

    Apply early to OTCAS

Occupational Therapy Department- SJSU

The following are submitted directly to the OT Department

- A copy of your application demographic page & personal statement from OTCAS
- Sealed Volunteer Evaluation forms with waivers
- Unofficial GRE scores

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CSU Mentor/GAPE (Graduate Studies Admissions & Program Evaluations)

The following are submitted via Cal State Apply (https://www2.calstate.edu/apply) MSOT program opens October 1st; OTD program opens August 1st

    Application to the University

    Official Transcripts

    This is a separate process from your application to the program and to the University (GAPE)

Tips

◆ Investigate prerequisite courses at local colleges

◆ Begin the volunteer hours ASAP

◆ Start the application process early with OTCAS as it takes at least two weeks for them to verify your application.

◆ Applications are reviewed beginning October 1st for the MSOT Program. Admissions are on a rolling basis. Timing is important!

◆ Choose referees carefully for the LOR (1 academic source is required). Let the person writing you letter know what you are applying for and what you would like them to emphasize.

◆ Prepare a thoughtful personal statement describing goals and