La Roche University
DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY PROGRAM GUIDE
Combined Degree Articulation Agreement
DEGREE: Doctor of Optometry (Salus University) Department: Health Science

Student Name_____ **___First Year Student** **___Transfer**
I.D. Number_____ **___Change of Major** **___Readmit**

*Unofficial Eval Completed by/date:*_____

This is the ***unofficial evaluation*** of your credits to date including transfer credits (if applicable) in your chosen major. ***This evaluation is official when all official transcripts for all previous university work are received; and reviewed and approved for transferability by the Registrar's Office.*** Beginning with your first semester of enrollment, your Degree Audit Report in My.LaRoche will automatically track your progress toward your degree, and guide you in planning future class schedules. Review your updated Degree Audit Report with your advisor prior to registering each semester.

PURPOSE: A major in Optometry is meant to prepare students for a career as an optometrist. As health-care practitioners, optometrists engage in an examination process of the eye; as well as, diagnosing, treating, and managing diseases of the visual system affecting the eye. In addition, optometrists prescribe spectacle and contact lenses in order to correct refractive errors.

The La Roche University/ Salus University Doctor of Optometry program is a seven-year program, culminating in a Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree from Salus. Salus' Doctor of Optometry program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) of the American Optometric Association (AOA).

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-OPTOMETRY (PHASE 1):

- Complete the Pre-Optometry curriculum at La Roche, which must consist of a minimum of 90 semester hours of undergraduate education including the required prerequisites.
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- Submit a completed application to the Optometry Centralized Application Service (OptomCAS), including satisfactory scores results of the Optometry Admissions Test (OAT) and required letters of evaluation.
- Shadow a practicing optometrist(s) in order to be familiar with the role of the optometrist as a member of the healthcare team.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL PHASE 2 (SALUS UNIVERSITY):

- For consideration for admission into the Doctor of Optometry Program at Salus, a student must successfully complete Phase I as described above.
- Students must then apply to the Doctor of Optometry Program by following the application procedures described on the Salus University website no later than December 1st of the intended entering year. These admissions procedures include completion of a successful on-campus interview.
- Salus will reserve four (4) seats in each class of the Doctor of Optometry Program for La Roche students who have successfully completed Phase I of the Program and the Phase II application process. If there are more than four (4) such qualified La Roche students, the remaining La Roche students will be considered for admission along with all other applicants.
- Students accepted into the Professional Phase complete four years of full-time study at Salus University. Upon successful completion of the fourth year, students will be awarded either a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Health Science or a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology from La Roche University depending on their declared major. Thirty credits from Salus University will complete the La Roche University Bachelor's degree.

REQUIREMENTS: The following coursework is required:

- 56 credits of Phase 1 courses
- Must have completed a minimum of 90 credits prescribed by their LRU program prior to articulation

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	Credits	Transfer Course #/Comments

PHASE 1 COMPONENT: 56 CREDITS

_____ BIOL1003/1005 General Biology I & Lab	4	_____
_____ BIOL1004/1006 General Biology II & Lab	4	_____
_____ BIOL1015 Microbiology for Health Science with Lab	4	_____
OR ____BIOL2025/L Microbiology with Lab		
_____ MATH1032 Analytic Geometry & Calculus I	4	_____
_____ MATH1033 Analytic Geometry & Calculus II	4	_____
_____ CHEM1001/1003 General Chemistry I with Lab	4	_____
_____ CHEM1002/1004 General Chemistry II with Lab	4	_____
_____ CHEM2015/L Organic Chemistry I with Lab	4	_____
_____ CHEM2016/L Organic Chemistry II with Lab	4	_____
_____ PHYS1032/L General Physics I with Lab	4	_____
_____ PHYS1033/L General Physics II with Lab	4	_____
_____ MATH1040 Probability & Statistics	3	_____
_____ PSYC1021 Intro to Psychology	3	_____
_____ ENGL1011 Reading and Writing	3	_____
_____ ENGL1012 Academic Writing and Research	3	_____

ENCOURAGED ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

_____ BIOL1023/L Human Anatomy and Physiology I & Lab	4	_____
_____ BIOL1024/L Human Anatomy and Physiology II & Lab	4	_____
_____ BIOL3036/3037 Biochemistry I with Lab	4	_____
_____ BIOL3038 Biochemistry II	3	_____
_____ BIOL3026 Cell Biology	3	_____
_____ BIOL3013/3014 Genetics and Lab	4	_____
_____ PSYC3035 Biological Psychology	3	_____
_____ PSYC3011 Research Methods in Psychology	3	_____

PROPOSED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR PRE-OPTOMETRY & BS BIOLOGY

YEAR I

Fall Semester		Credits
___BIOL1003	General Biology I	3
___BIOL1005	General Biology Lab I	1
___CHEM1001	General Chemistry I	3
___CHEM1003	General Chemistry Lab I	1
___ENGL1011	Reading & Writing	3
___ISTC1010	Digital Literacy*	3
___Core Breadth of Knowledge		3
___LRUX1001	LRX: Intro & History	1
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Spring Semester		Credits
___BIOL1004	General Biology II	3
___BIOL1006	General Biology Lab II	1
___CHEM1002	General Chemistry II	3
___CHEM1004	General Chemistry Lab II	1
___ENGL1012	Academic Writing & Research	3
___PSYC1021	Introduction to Psychology*	3
___Core Breadth of Knowledge	3	
___LRUX1002/2001/2002		1
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Note: If math placement is below Calculus then courses marked with *should be replaced with
Fall: MATH1010 College Algebra 3 cr Spring: MATH1023 College Trigonometry 3 cr (if needed)
and * courses should be taken during Summer Year I

YEAR II

Fall Semester		Credits
___BIOL1023/L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab	4
___CHEM2015/L	Organic Chemistry I & Lab	4
___BIOL3026	Cell Biology	3
___MATH1032	Analytical Geometry & Calculus I	4
___Core Breadth of Knowledge		3
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Spring Semester		Credits
___BIOL1024/L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab	4
___BIOL2025/L	Microbiology & Lab+	4
___CHEM2016/L	Organic Chemistry II & Lab	4
___MATH1033	Analytical Geometry & Calculus II	4
___ LRUX1002/2001/2002		1
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YEAR III

Fall Semester		Credits
___PHYS1032/L	General Physics I & Lab	4
___BIOL3036/3037	Biochemistry I & Lab	4
___MATH1040	Probability & Statistics	3
___SPCH1010	Oral Communications	3
___Core Elective		3
___Core Breadth of Knowledge		3
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Spring Semester		Credits
___PHYS1033/L	General Physics II & Lab	4
___BIOL3038	Biochemistry II	3
___BIOL3013/3014	Genetics & Lab+	4
___Core Interdisciplinary Inquiry		3
___BIOL4059	Seminar in Biology	2
___ LRUX1002/2001/2002		1
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+These courses are taught on a 2-year rotation. So actual semester offered may vary.

Total: 105 or 108 depending on Year 3 fall semester core select. The remaining courses left to fulfill the Biology BS degree are general electives (which will be fulfilled during the first year at Salus).

PROPOSED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR
PRE-OPTOMETRY & BA HEALTH SCIENCE

YEAR I

Fall Semester		Credits
___BIOL1023/L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab	4
___CHEM1001	General Chemistry I	3
___CHEM1003	General Chemistry Lab I	1
___ENGL1011	Reading & Writing	3
___ISTC1010	Digital Literacy*	3
___HSCU1005	Intro to Health Professions	1
___Core Breadth of Knowledge		3
___LRUX1001	LRX: Intro & History	1
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Spring Semester		Credits
___BIOL1024/L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab	4
___CHEM1002	General Chemistry II	3
___CHEM1004	General Chemistry Lab II	1
___ENGL1012	Academic Writing & Research	3
___PSYC1021	Introduction to Psychology*	3
___Core Breadth of Knowledge		3
___LRUX1002/2001/2002		1
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YEAR II

Fall Semester		Credits
___BIOL1003	General Biology I	3
___BIOL1005	General Biology Lab I	1
___CHEM2015/L	Organic Chemistry I & Lab	4
___BIOL1020	Medical Terminology	3
___MATH1032	Analytical Geometry & Calculus I	4
___Core Breadth of Knowledge		3
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Spring Semester		Credits
___BIOL1004	General Biology II	3
___BIOL1006	General Biology Lab II	1
___BIOL1015/L	Microbiology for Health Sciences	4
___CHEM2016/L	Organic Chemistry II & Lab	4
___MATH1033	Analytical Geometry & Calculus II	4
___ LRUX1002/2001/2002		1
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YEAR III

Fall Semester		Credits
___PHYS1032/L	General Physics I & Lab	4
___NSCI1025	Normal and Clinical Nutrition	3
___MATH1040	Probability & Statistics	3
___SPCH1010	Oral Communications	3
___Core Breadth of Knowledge		3
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Spring Semester		Credits
___PHYS1033/L	General Physics II & Lab	4
___HSCU3XXX	Upper Level Health Science	3
___ HSCU3XXX	Upper Level Health Science	3
___ Core Interdisciplinary Inquiry		3
___ LRUX1002/2001/2002		1
___ Core Elective		

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Total: 105 credits. The remaining courses left to fulfill the Health Science BA degree are general electives (which will be fulfilled during the first year at Salus).