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## Description

AZCOM students spend their first two years completing a rigorous basic science curriculum and preparing for their clinical studies, including early clinical contact experiences. During their third and fourth years, students rotate through a variety of clinical training sites, accruing an impressive 88 weeks of direct patient care experience. By stimulating intellectual curiosity and teaching problem-solving skills, the AZCOM curriculum encourages students to regard learning as a lifelong process.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (AZCOM) of Midwestern University (MWU) is to meet the contemporary societal need for physicians by emphasizing educational experiences needed to serve all communities. The curriculum provides an innovative academic foundation incorporating the philosophy of osteopathic principles and practices, striving to be fully integrated throughout the basic and clinical sciences, while promoting faculty development and research.

**Setting:** Glendale, AZ; Suburban, 15 miles northwest of Phoenix

**Date Founded:** 1995; Private

## Accreditation

The Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (AZCOM) of Midwestern University (MWU) is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA); MWU is accredited

by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Institutional Affiliation

Midwestern University

## 2008-2009 Enrollment

**Total medical school enrollment:** 706

**Total male:** 427

**Total female:** 279

**First-year enrollment:** 250

**First-year male:** 142

**First-year female:** 108

**Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** 1,787

## Curricular Offerings

- Rigorous basic science courses with an emphasis on case discussions, clinical correlates and problem-based learning.
- Top clinical rotations at major teaching hospitals and ambulatory facilities throughout the Phoenix metropolitan area and in suburban and rural locations throughout Arizona and the Southwest.

## Combined Degree Programs

**Baccalaureate/DO:** No

**DO/MA:** No

**DO/MS:** Yes

The Master of Biomedical Science (MBS) degree is a full-time, two-year research program that provides the student with a broad background in the biomedical sciences, laboratory experiences and research skills. The curriculum is designed to prepare and graduate students who have extensive knowledge, technical skills and expertise to function in a variety of biomedical professions.

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**DO/MPH:** No

**DO/MBA:** No

**DO/JD:** No

**DO/PhD:** No

## Special Programs

- Dual-degree master's programs in Bioethics and Health Professions Education
- **International Medicine Programs:** AZCOM & DOCARE medical mission to Guatemala for two weeks every year. Fourth-year AZCOM students are eligible to participate. [www.midwestern.edu](http://www.midwestern.edu)

## Preparatory Programs

**Post baccalaureate program:** Yes

The Master of Arts in Biomedical Science (MA) degree is a full-time, one-year, coursework-only program designed to help students with a Bachelor's degree (preferably with a major in the sciences) improve their academic foundation in the biomedical sciences and augment their credentials for admission into a professional program (i.e. medical, dental, podiatry, pharmacy school or other health professional program).

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**Dates:** 8-26-2009

**Tuition:** \$28,499

## Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications:

Course	Semester Hours	Quarter Hours
English Composition	6	9
General Biology with lab	8	12
General Chemistry with lab	8	12
Organic Chemistry with lab	8	12
Physics (College Algebra or above)	4	6
Mathematics	3	4

**Summer program(s):** No

## Facilities

The 143-acre Glendale Campus boasts a scenic location situated 15 miles northwest of downtown Phoenix. The new and attractive facilities on the campus include the following:

- Sahuaro Hall features lecture halls, conference rooms and laboratories, as well as a comprehensive library with computer resources and study rooms.
- Cholla Hall includes two lecture auditoria, modern laboratories, multi-use classrooms and a computer workshop.
- The Barrel Student Center features a 24-hour study lounge, student dining hall, a weight room and administrative offices.
- The Midwestern University Clinic provides on-campus practice opportunities for faculty and rotation experiences for students; the multi-specialty clinics include osteopathic manipulative medicine, family medicine, podiatric medicine, optometry and pharmacist consulting services.
- The Foothills Science Center provides advanced research laboratories for faculty and students.
- Ocotillo Hall provides classrooms, laboratories and a large auditorium.
- Agave Hall features classrooms, the OMM laboratory, the gross anatomy laboratory, and faculty offices.
- Glendale Hall is the administrative home of several academic programs, including AZCOM. The building includes classrooms, labs, faculty offices, and a testing center.
- The Auditorium features a 2,500-seat theater for campus events and ceremonies, such as graduation, which can also be divided into five lecture halls.
- Recreation & Wellness Hall is the campus fitness center with a gymnasium, strength training room, aerobic/dance room, racquetball courts, craft room, and music room.
- The Interfaith Chapel is a place of reflection and quiet gatherings for students of all religious backgrounds.
- The Student Apartment Complex consists of studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments that feature ample study and living space; kitchen with range, oven, and refrigerator; Internet wiring; and cable television. The complex also has a swimming pool, volleyball court, sand play area, and picnic and barbecue areas for residents and their guests.
- Cactus Club House is for residential students, offering a large meeting area with amenities

such as a kitchen, big-screen television, recreational facilities and smaller group study areas, as well as separate patio areas.

- Recreational facilities include outdoor basketball courts and a sand volleyball court.

## Application Information

**Primary application service:** AACOMAS

**Earliest filing date:** 6-1-2009 – Opening date of AACOMAS

**Latest filing date:**\* 1-1-2010

\*For best consideration, applicants should submit their AACOMAS application at least four weeks prior to this school's latest filing date.

**Academic year/orientation for first-year students**

**start date:** 8-3-2010

**International students (non-US citizens or temporary residents) eligible:** Yes

Midwestern University requires that in order to conclude the matriculation process, a non-U.S. citizen/nonpermanent resident must provide documentation verifying that sufficient funds have been deposited in a U.S. bank to cover all expenses (tuition fees and living) while attending the university. Additional requirements are posted at [http://www.midwestern.edu/Programs\\_and\\_Admission/AZ\\_Osteopathic\\_Medicine/AdmissionApply.html#international](http://www.midwestern.edu/Programs_and_Admission/AZ_Osteopathic_Medicine/AdmissionApply.html#international)

## Supplemental Application

**Supplemental application required:** Yes

**Sent to:** Screened Applicants

**Supplemental Application Fee:** \$50

**Fee waiver available:** Yes

**Waiver conditions, if offered:** AACOMAS waiver

**Supplemental app. earliest filing date:** 6-1-2009

**Supplemental app. latest filing date:** 3-15-2010

## Supplemental Application Requirements

Minimum science and total GPA of 2.75.

Supplemental application: Two letters of recommendation; one must be from a physician, strongly recommend a DO, or an MD, and the other must be from a premedical advisory committee or science faculty member who has taught the applicant.

## MCAT

**Oldest MCAT considered:** 2007

**Accept September MCAT scores:** Yes

**Accept January 2010 MCAT scores:** Yes

**Additional Comments:** Highest MCAT in last three years before matriculation.

## Send Letters of Recommendation by:

**Virtual Evals:** Yes

**Interfolio:** Yes

**Paper:** Yes

## Regular Acceptance Notice

Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following **AACOMAS traffic guideline** schedule:

- **Those accepted prior to November 15** will have until December 14
- **Those accepted between November 15 and January 14** will have 30 days
- **Those accepted between January 15 and June 14** will have 14 days
- **Those accepted after June 15** may be asked for an immediate deposit
- **Earliest acceptance date:** 10-2-2009
- **Latest acceptance date:** 5-15-2010; Until class is filled
- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** 4 weeks
- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes

## Early Decision Program (EDP)

AZCOM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

## COM Interview Format

If an applicant accepts an interview, he/she joins several other interviewees in meeting with members of a three-person interview panel—a panel selected from a volunteer group of basic scientists, current students, administrators and clinicians. Team members question each applicant about his/her academic, personal and health care preparedness for medical school, rating the applicants on a standardized evaluation form relative to each of these variables. At the conclusion

of the interviews, the team members forward their evaluation for each applicant to the Admissions Committee. The Committee may recommend to accept, to deny or to place the applicant on either the hold or alternate list. This recommendation is then forwarded to the Dean for final approval. The Dean—via the Office of Admissions—notifies the student of his/her status within three or four weeks of the interview.

## First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

To be considered for an on-campus interview, applicants must meet all of the admissions requirements listed previously. After the Office of Admissions receives all of the required application materials, the applicant's file is reviewed to determine if the applicant merits an invitation to interview, based on established criteria of the admissions committee. Applicants who are invited to interview will be contacted by the Office of Admissions and instructed on how to schedule their interview via our web-based scheduling system. Additional applicants may be placed on an interview "Waiting List" pending possible interview openings toward the end of the interview cycle. The on-campus interview process typically begins in September and ends in April.

## First-Year Class Matriculants' Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity:

**American Indian or Alaska Native:** 1%

**Asian:** 24%

**Black or African American:** 1%

**Hispanic/Latino:** 2%

**White:** 71%

**Pacific Islander:** 1%

## First-Year Class Matriculants with:

**Science Majors:** 72%

**Non-Science Majors:** 28%

**Baccalaureate degree:** 86%

**Graduate degree(s):** 14%

## Premedical Coursework

Science Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem.	Hrs
Biology/Zoology	X		X		8
Biochemistry					
Molecular Biology					
Genetics					
Inorganic Chemistry	X		X		8
Organic Chemistry	X		X		8
Physics	X		X		8
<b>Non-Science Course</b>	<b>Req.</b>	<b>Rec.</b>	<b>Lab</b>	<b>Sem.</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
College English	X				6
Behavioral Sciences					
Humanities					
Math/Statistics					
Other					

## Financial Information

### Tuition and Fees

Source: 2008-2009 tuition. Data subject to change.

<b>Resident tuition:</b>	\$43,304
<b>Non-Resident tuition:</b>	\$43,304
<b>Supplemental Application fee:</b>	\$50
<b>Resident fees:</b>	\$350
<b>Non-Resident fees:</b>	\$350
<b>Health Insurance:</b>	\$1,800

### Fees Include:

Student Services		Technology	
Lab		Microscope Rental	
Computer		Health Service	
Student Activities	X		

**Estimated Room, Board and Living Expenses:** \$20,230

**Average 2007 graduate indebtedness:** \$168,087

### Deposit

Applicants should submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule above.

**Amount of deposit to hold place in class:** \$1,000

If deposit dependent on residency status:

**Deposit (resident):** N/A

**Deposit (non-resident):** N/A

**Deposit Due:**

**Additional Deposit:** N/A

**Applied to tuition:** Yes

**Deposit refundable:** Yes

\$100 refunded if withdraw within two weeks of matriculation.

**Refundable by:** 7-20-2010

### Financial Aid

**Enrolled students with federal financial aid:** 91%

**Scholarships:** Yes

**Average scholarship/grant:** \$1,800