

The Critical Analysis and Reasoning Section (CARS) of the MCAT assesses **foundations of comprehension (skill 1)**, **reasoning within the text (skill 2)** and **reasoning beyond the text (skill 3)**. It is critical that pre-med students develop these three skills with the same focus and determination that they use when approaching science content.

The classes below have all been evaluated for their development of this skill set. Pre-med students may choose to incorporate them into their general education requirements or take them as electives.

Course #	Title	Old; New gen ed	Skill (1, 2 or 3)
AFS/HIS 3140	African American History: 1400-1865	DEI only	1, 2, 3
AFS/HIS 3150	African American History:1865-1968	DEI only	1, 2, 3
AFS/HIS 3155	African America History: 1968-present	DEI only	1, 2, 3
ASN/HIS 1710	History of Modern East Asia	HS; SI, GL	1, 2, 3
COM 2110	Argumentation and Debate	CT only	1, 2
All ENG classes approved for CI	Varies	PL or VP; CI	1, 2, 3
FRE/ITA/RUS/SPA 2700	Existentialist Literature	PL; CI	1, 2, 3
FRE/GER/RUS 2991	Understanding the Fairy Tale	PL; CI	1, 2
GKM 3590	Byzantine Civilization	HS only	1, 2, 3
GKM 3710	Modern Greek Literature and Culture	GL only	1, 2, 3
GLS 2700	Intro to Global Stories	PL; CI	1, 2, 3
GLS 2800	Global Issues and Institutions	SS; SI	1, 2, 3
GSW 2500	Humanities Perspectives of GSW	PL; DEI, CI	1, 2
GSW/HIS 2600	Hist of Gender, Sexuality + Women Studies	HS; DEI, GL	1, 2, 3
GSW 2700	Social Science Perspectives of GSW	SS; DEI, SI	1, 2
HIS/NE 2000	Intro to Islamic Civilization	HS; GL	1, 2, 3
HIS/NE 2030	Age of Islamic Empires	HS; SI	1, 2
MUH 1340	Music Apprec.: World Music	VP; CI	1, 2, 3
MUH 1370	Music Apprec.: Beginnings to the Present	VP; CI	1, 2, 3
PHI 1010	Introduction to Philosophy	PL; CI	1, 2, 3
PHI 1100	Contemporary Moral Issues	PL; CI, DEI	1, 2, 3
PHI 1110	Ethical Issues in Health Care	PL; CI, DEI	1, 2, 3
PHI 2320	Introduction to Ethics	PL; CI	1, 2, 3
PS 3520	Justice	CI only	1, 2, 3
RUS 2710	Intro to Russian Culture	CS; GL	1, 2, 3
RUS 3650	Russian Lit after 1900	CI only	1, 2, 3

For more information about the skills assessed in the CARS section, please see:

<https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/article/whats-mcat-exam/#cars>

Updated 4/23/18. More courses may be added in the future.