



## DENTAL SCHOOL ADMISSION

**The following requirements for the major are subject to change without notice.** To assure accuracy of the information on this sheet, you should consult with the Dental School Admission counselor, or the transfer campus for specific admission requirements. The courses listed are recommended courses and are not articulation agreements.

Admission to dental school is highly competitive. Applicants for admission to dental schools must take the Dental Admission Test (DAT) which measures general academic ability, comprehensive scientific information, and perceptual ability. It is recommended that a student select an appropriate major for the bachelor's degree (biological or physical sciences, humanities or social sciences) as preparation for work in an allied health field. Dentistry is usually a four-year professional program leading to a Doctor of Dental Surgery.

### Selection Factors

- Scholastic record
- Aptitude for science demonstrated by academic record and DAT
- Letters of recommendation
- Personal interview
- Research
- Leadership
- Commitment to the field
- Experience with underserved communities

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES <http://www.dent.ucla.edu>

Admissions: 88 applicants accepted. Median G.P.A of 3.50. General Information: Minimum of 90 units. Bachelor's degree recommended. Required Courses: Biology 1A-1B; Chemistry 1A-1B, 7A-7B (math prerequisite); English 1A-1B; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B; Psychology 5; Biochemistry. Recommended: courses in histology, physiology or comparative anatomy, social science, microbiology, communication, business, composition, technical writing, fine arts, philosophy, engineering, and classics. Residency status: U.S. citizen or permanent resident (permanent resident must have in their possession their resident alien card at the time of application)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO <http://dentistry.ucsf.edu>

Admissions: 82 applicants accepted. General Information: Minimum of 90 units. Bachelor's degree recommended. Required Courses: Biology 1A-1B; Chemistry 1A-1B, 7A (math prerequisite); English 1A-1B; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B; Psychology 5; and 11 additional units from foreign language, humanities, social sciences. Recommended: Anatomy 32; Mathematics 150; Physiology 31; Microbiology 31 and courses in biochemistry, embryology & genetics.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC [www.dental.pacific.edu](http://www.dental.pacific.edu)

Admissions: 135-140 accepted. General Information: Minimum of 90 units. Bachelor's degree recommended. Required Courses: Biology 1A-1B; Chemistry 1A-1B, 7A-7B (math prerequisite); English 1A-1B; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B; two courses in histology, physiology, anatomy or biochemistry. Recommended: courses in biological sciences, arts, business, social and behavioral sciences, and speech.

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** [www.usc.edu/hsc/dental](http://www.usc.edu/hsc/dental)

Admissions: 144 applicants accepted. General Information: Minimum of 60 units to include a specific major toward a bachelor's degree. Required Courses: Biology 1A-1B; Chemistry 1A-B, 7A-7B (math prerequisite); English 1A-1B; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B; Admission requirements: 1) Graduation from an accredited secondary school, with credit for at least 12 academic units, including three in English, three in one laboratory science course, two in one foreign language and two in college preparatory mathematics. 2) A minimum of 60 semester units, or the equivalent completed or in progress, at the time of application, from an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada. 3) Required courses, semester hours with laboratory required. 4) It is strongly suggested that students take additional upper division courses in: biochemistry, human anatomy, embryology, histology, genetics, physiology, sociology, and economics.

**LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY** [www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry](http://www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry)

Admissions: 90 applicants accepted. General Information: Minimum of 96 semester units. Bachelor's degree is highly recommended and given preference. Required Courses: Biology 1A-1B; Chemistry 1A-1B, 7A-7B (math prerequisite); English 1A-1B; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B. Recommended: Anatomy 32, Physiology 31. Also recommended courses in biochemistry, histology, microbiology, college algebra/calculus, cellular/molecular biology, principles of management/ accounting, psychology, sociology, ceramics/sculpture.

\*Science coursework must have been completed within five years prior to application.

**Recommended Websites:**

Dental Admission Test (DAT) information: [www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp](http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp) or Department of Testing Services, American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60611