



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 [HTTPS://DENTISTRY.UCLA.EDU/](https://dentistry.ucla.edu/)

Admissions: 88 applicants accepted. **General Information:** Minimum of 90 units. Applicants must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 135 quarter units (90 semester units) of instruction, including all pre-dental requirements. A maximum of 105 quarter units (70 semester units) of junior college work may be applied in calculating this total. It is significant to note that most applicants admitted to the School of Dentistry have had more than three years of college experience, and most possess a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Required Courses: Biology 101-102- 103; Chemistry 1A-1B, 7A-7B; English 1A and 1B or 1C; 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) DAT by Dec 31 within a 3 year period

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

Admissions: 82 applicants accepted. **General Information:** Minimum of 93 units; Bachelor's degree recommended. **Required Courses:** Biology 101-102; Chemistry 1A-1B, 7A (math prerequisite); English 1A and 1B or 1C; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B or 1A-1B-1C; Psychology 101; and 111 additional units from foreign language, humanities, social sciences, and biochemistry at a four-year institution.

Recommended: Anatomy 32; Mathematics 150; Physiology 31; Microbiology 31 and courses in biochemistry, embryology, and genetics.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC <https://dental.pacific.edu/dental>

Admissions: 135-140 accepted. General Information: Minimum of 90 units. Bachelor's degree recommended. Required Courses: Anatomy 32; Biology 101-102-103; Chemistry 1A-1B, 7A-7B; English 1A and 1B or 1C or Communication Studies 100; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B; Recommended electives: courses in arts to build hand dexterity (jewelry making, sculpting, ceramics), business to prepare for managing a business (economics, accounting, small business management, marketing), and courses to build public relations (public speaking, journalism, debate, interpersonal communications).

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA <https://dentistry.usc.edu/>

Admissions: 144 applicants accepted. General Information: Bachelor's degree recommended; students who were admitted had a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. Required Courses: Biology 101-102; Chemistry 1A-B, 7A-7B (math prerequisite); English 1A and 1B or 1C; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B; One year of philosophy, history or fine arts; Admission requirements: 1) It is strongly recommended that students take additional upper division courses in: biochemistry, human anatomy, histology, and physiology courses in addition to the prerequisites

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY <HTTPS://DENTISTRY.LLU.EDU/>

Admissions: 90 applicants accepted. General Information: Minimum of 96 semester units. Bachelor's degree is highly recommended and given preference. To be a competitive applicant a science GPA of 3.3 or higher is recommended. Required Courses: Biology 101-102-103; Chemistry 1A-1B, 7A-7B (math prerequisite); English 1A and 1B or 1C; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B; Recommended: Anatomy 32, Physiology 31, Microbiology 33, cellular/molecular biology, genetics, courses in biochemistry, principles of management/ accounting, ceramics/sculpture, religious studies.

*Science coursework must have been completed within five years of admission.

Recommended Websites:

Dental Admission Test (DAT) information: <https://www.ada.org/education/testing/exams/dental-admission-test-dat>

Email: msc@ada.org

Department of Testing Services, American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60611

American Dental Association: www.ada.org

American Dental Education Association: association serving the allied, pre-doctoral, and postdoctoral dental education community www.adea.org

California Dental Association: www.CDA.org