

## PRE-DENTISTRY

### 1. What major should I choose?

Any major is appropriate for dental school preparation. While a science major requires many of the same basic prerequisites, selecting a science major is not required for admission to any dental school. Students are advised to select a major they find interesting and to work at developing a broad-based, interdisciplinary foundation of knowledge and skills from which they can build upon. Please access [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) for the most updated articulation information.

### 2. What are the prerequisites?

Prerequisite admission requirements vary from school to school. Listed below are the recommended prerequisite admission requirements for most U.S. Dental schools:

#### Fullerton College courses:

One year of General Biology with Lab  
One year of General Chemistry with Lab  
One year of Organic Chemistry with Lab  
One year of General Physics with Lab

One year of English (Comp & Lit)

Recommended (required at some schools):

One year of Math (Calculus)

One course in Statistics

One or more courses in Psychology

BIOL 170 F + BIOL 272 F

CHEM 111AF + CHEM 111BF

CHEM 211AF + CHEM 211BF

PHYS 210 F + PHYS 211 F **or**

[PHYS 221 F **or** PHYS 221HF] + PHYS 222 F

[ENGL 100 F **or** ENGL 100HF] + [ENGL 103 F **or**

ENGL 103HF F **or** ENGL 102 F **or** ENGL 102HF **or**

ENGL 104 F **or** ENGL 201 F]

[MATH 150AF **or** MATH 150HF] + MATH 150BF

MATH 120 F **or** MATH 120HF

PSY 101 F **or** PSY 101HF

Admissions to Schools of Dentistry are based on each applicant's academic record, Dental Admission Test (DAT) scores, letters of recommendation, dental related experiences and a personal interview. Completion of a minimum of 90 or more semester units or 135-quarter units is required. A minimum of 30-quarter units or 20 semester units must be completed at an accredited four-year institution. Completion of a bachelor's degree gives the student preference for admission.

\*Each accredited dental education program has its own application process and set of admission requirements. Please contact the programs you are interested in directly.

For additional information, check the following websites:

American Dental Association	<a href="http://www.ada.org">www.ada.org</a>
American Dental Education Association (formerly the American Association of Dental Schools)	<a href="http://www.adea.org">www.adea.org</a>
University of California, San Francisco	<a href="http://www.ucsf.edu">www.ucsf.edu</a>
University of the Pacific	<a href="http://dental.pacific.edu">http://dental.pacific.edu</a>
University of Southern California	<a href="http://dentistry.usc.edu/">http://dentistry.usc.edu/</a>
Loma Linda University	<a href="http://dentistry.llu.edu/">http://dentistry.llu.edu/</a>
University of California, Los Angeles	<a href="https://www.dentistry.ucla.edu">https://www.dentistry.ucla.edu</a>

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