Pre-Dentistry

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Pre-dentistry is not a major at the University of Kentucky. Students are free to major in whatever they wish while fulfilling pre-dental requirements. While selecting a major, students should consider subjects they may find most interesting and challenging and in which they perform best.

The American Dental Education Association states:
“Individuals pursuing dental careers should take certain science courses. However, you do not have to be a science major to gain admissions to a dental school and successfully complete the program. . . . most dental students are science majors as undergraduates, but many major in fields not related to science.”
(The ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools, 2010)

Pre-dental requirements differ but generally include:

- 2 semesters of general chemistry with labs (CHE 105, 107, 111, 113)
- 2 semesters of biology with labs (BIO 150, 151, 152, 153)
- 2 semesters of organic chemistry with labs (CHE 230, 231, 232, 233)
- 1 or 2 semesters of physics with labs (PHY 211, 213 or PHY 231, 241, 232, 242)
- 2 semesters of English (ENG 104 and Graduation Writing Requirement)

It is important to refer to individual dental schools of interest for the exact list of prerequisites, exceptions to the list above, and additional course recommendations.

Students enrolled at the University of Kentucky pursing dentistry should visit the pre-dental web site listed below and utilize the pre-professional advising provided by Undergraduate Studies.

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Pre-Professional Advising
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