Pre-Dental Plan

Students are free to choose any major while pursuing their undergraduate degree and fulfilling pre-dental requirements. When selecting a major, students should consider subjects they find interesting and challenging, and those in which they perform best. Dental schools do not require a specific major to enter the professional program, but they do have minimum entrance requirements. All students accepted to dental school must earn a bachelor’s degree while satisfying pre-dental requirements.

Currently the minimum requirements for entering dental school at the University of Kentucky are:

• 2 semesters of college English or intensive writing courses
• 2 semesters of biology with labs
• 2 semesters of general chemistry with labs
• 2 semesters of organic chemistry with labs
• 1 semester of physics with labs
• 1 semester of microbiology
• 1 semester of biochemistry

Other dental schools in the country may have different prerequisite courses. Check specific dental schools for admissions requirements.

In addition, students are encouraged to take course work in areas such as anatomy, cell biology, calculus, genetics, histology, immunology, physiology, psychology, and statistics.

Students interested in dental school should meet with a Pre-Dental advisor at least once a semester while pursuing their undergraduate curriculum, attend pre-dental information sessions, visit the Pre-Dental website at www.uky.edu/careercenter/pre-dental, and subscribe to the Pre-Health Listserv. For additional information, contact a Pre-Dental advisor at www.uky.edu/careercenter. Students in the College of Arts & Sciences are encouraged to visit www.as.uky.edu/pre-dental and to contact an advisor by emailing ASAdvisingCenter@uky.edu.

Students interested in University of Kentucky’s College of Dentistry can schedule a tour and meet with staff. Visit the Dental website at dentistry.uky.edu/prospective-dmd-students.