At the University of Kentucky (UK), pre-professional programs are interest areas that students complete alongside their UK Core requirements and academic major curriculum.

Advisors in Undergraduate Studies (US) offer support and guidance to University of Kentucky students from all majors interested in applying to dental school. In addition to outlining necessary coursework and guiding students through application processes, Undergraduate Studies also directs students to University programs, such as UK Education Abroad or the Center for Community Outreach, that foster well-rounded dental school applicants.

Pre-dental students should meet with a pre-dental advisor at least twice during their freshman/sophomore years and at least three times during their junior/senior years. Visit uky.edu/us for instructions on setting up an appointment with a pre-professional advisor.

Undergraduate Studies works closely with the University’s James W. Stuckert Career Center to help students with internships, job shadowing opportunities, personal statements and more. Visit uky.edu/careercenter for more information.

The Dental Admission Test (DAT) is the required dental school entrance exam and is administered by the American Dental Association. Pre-dental courses in biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry and physics should be taken prior to taking the DAT. For more information, see reverse side.

Students are also required to complete one semester of microbiology (BIO 208 or BIO 308) and one semester of biochemistry (BCH 401G). Pre-dental students are also strongly encouraged to complete coursework in statistics, psychology and sociology.

Some dental schools have additional requirements beyond the courses listed above. These may include genetics, cell biology, immunobiology, histology and cell biology. Students should reference the Official Guide to Dental Schools and specific dental school admission requirements for more information.

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