INTERESTED IN DENTAL SCHOOL?

Major:
No specific major is required; however, science majors and minors are recommended because they will help you prepare for the DAT and they include a majority of the prerequisite courses.

Prerequisites:
To know exactly which courses you must take, check the prerequisite course list on your program of interest.

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<th>Prerequisite Courses/Competencies</th>
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Most programs accept advanced placement (AP) credits as long as a consequent, higher level course is taken in college. We recommend checking with your program of interest if and which AP credits are accepted.

* 69 dental schools were surveyed.

** Taking additional courses in Biology and Chemistry can be beneficial for your preparation for the DAT exam or dental school courses in general. For example, Human Anatomy, Physiology, Genetics, Microbiology or other Molecular and Cell courses, and Biochemistry II are often not required for dental programs, but they offer information included in the DAT.

Dental Admission Test (DAT):

- The majority of the prerequisite courses do prepare you for the DAT. However, if you feel certain areas of your knowledge could use improvement, taking appropriate additional courses is recommended.
- Refer to the official DAT site for more information- https://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/dental-admission-test

Timeline:
- Alert your academic advisor as soon as possible that you are planning on attending dental school.
- For more information about the application process and timeline visit- https://www.adea.org/

JUNIOR YEAR

January, or earlier:
Start DAT preparation

May, or earlier:
Take DAT

Senior Year

May/June:
Application opens in May; Submission begins in June

Fall/Winter:
Interviews

August:
Dental School start date