

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.

Prerequisite Courses/Competencies	Number of Programs with Requirement*	Suggested BYUH Courses
General Biology/Biology**	69	BIOL 112/L, 113
General/Inorganic Chemistry	69	CHEM 105/L, 106/L
Organic Chemistry	66	CHEM 351/L, 352/L
Physics (General, Algebra or Calculus Based)	64	PHYS 105/L and 106/L OR 121/L and 220/L or 221/L
Biochemistry**	49	CHEM 481 with a Lab
English/Writing	63	ENGL 101, 315 or 316
Mathematics (Statistics and/or Calculus)	13	MATH 212 &/or MATH 121 or BIOL 340 or PSYC 205
Behavioral & Social Sciences and/or Humanities	13	PSYC 111, 440

■ 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

SENIOR YEAR



January, or earlier :
Start DAT
preparation



May, or earlier :
Take DAT



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



Fall/Winter :
Interviews



August :
Dental School
start date