

Advising sheet - dentistry (DDS)

CSUC BIOL: advising for students planning careers in DENTISTRY, Fall 2023.

Many Dental programs want, in addition to the BA core and elective courses:

- 1 year physics (PHYS 202A/202B)
- Some still require 2-semester OCHEM (CHEM 270/370), which is offered through the BIOL BS.
- A few still require Calculus (MATH 109) as well as statistics.
- Some may require Spanish or other second language skills.

Resources: The American Dental Association (www.ada.org) is the national professional society for dentists, and has information on dental programs. The American Dental Education Association (www.adea.org) is the national professional society for training dentists and dental hygienists. Their website provides required and recommended coursework for many dental schools.

Required examination: Dental Admission Test (DAT)

Additional Requirements: letters of recommendation from professors, dentists, etc. as well as a personal statement from the applicant are required. Acceptance into a school may be aided by a broad range of extracurricular activities, dental-related experience, and fluency in a second language in addition to strong GPA (≥ 3.5) and DAT scores. Interested students should investigate requirements of specific schools well before beginning the application process.