1. Selection Factors

Dental schools use the following factors to admit students. They typically admit from 7% to 14% of their applicants:

1. Scholastic record (GPA and the courses listed below)
2. Aptitude for science demonstrated by academic record and the DAT – Dental Admission Test
3. Academic performance on DAT, in particular, the PAT portion of the exam to determine spatial aptitude
4. English composition performance on DAT, especially for English as a Second Language applicants
5. Manner in which scholastic record was achieved, i.e., course load, breadth of the courses of study, extracurricular activities, and work experience
6. Substantive letters of recommendation (minimum of 3)
7. Personal Interview

2. Required Courses

Dental schools typically require the following courses and units. Research the specific course requirements for your prospective dental schools because requirements vary among schools.

| # of years: | Formal minimum 3 years; majority have 4 years |
| # of units: | 90 semester units or 135 quarter units |

* Limitations on accredited community college course work: only 70 semester or 105 quarter units will be accepted.

**Online classes for web-based education are not accepted by some dental schools.

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Other required courses: No lab required

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Other recommended courses:

Choose from among histology, physiology, human or comparative anatomy, social sciences, microbiology, communication, business, composition, technical writing, fine arts, philosophy, engineering and classics.

**COS courses in the above areas:** BIO 12A, BIO 12B, any IGETC Area 4 courses, BIO 6, any SPCH courses, any BA courses numbered 1-49, ENGL 1B, any IGETC Area 3 courses, any PHIL courses, any ENGR courses.
3. California and Oregon Dental Schools

Pre-dental students are strongly recommended to visit the websites below and to maintain contact with prospective dental schools. A complete list of dental schools is available at: [http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/programs/search_ddsdmd_us.asp](http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/programs/search_ddsdmd_us.asp)

**University of California at San Francisco School of Dentistry**
513 Parnassus Ave
S-630
San Francisco, CA 94143
Dean: Dr. Charles N Bertolami
Phone: (415) 476-1323
Web Address: [www.ucsf.edu](http://www.ucsf.edu)
Admission requirements: [http://dentistry.ucsf.edu/admissions/admiss_program1-faq.html](http://dentistry.ucsf.edu/admissions/admiss_program1-faq.html)

**University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry**
2155 Webster Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
Dean: Dr. Patrick J. Ferrillo Jr.
Phone: (415) 929-6425
Web Address: [dental.pacific.edu](http://dental.pacific.edu)
Admission Requirements: [http://dental.pacific.edu/admissions1/DDS/requirements.htm](http://dental.pacific.edu/admissions1/DDS/requirements.htm)

**Loma Linda University School of Dentistry**
Dental School
Loma Linda, CA 92350
Dean: Dr. Charles J. Goodacre
Phone: (909) 558-4222
Web Address: [www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry](http://www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry)
Admission requirements: [http://www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry/admissions/admitinfo.html#dentistry](http://www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry/admissions/admitinfo.html#dentistry)

**University of California at Los Angeles School of Dentistry**
Center for Health Science
Rm 53-038
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1668
Dean: Dr. No-Hee Park
Phone: (310) 206-6063
Web Address: [www.dent.ucla.edu](http://www.dent.ucla.edu)

**University of Southern California School of Dentistry**
925 W. 34th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90089-6041
Dean: Dr. Harold C. Slavkin
Phone: (213) 740-3124
Web Address: [www.usc.edu/hsc/dental](http://www.usc.edu/hsc/dental)
Admission requirements: [http://www.usc.edu/hsc/dental/admissions/dds_admissions.htm](http://www.usc.edu/hsc/dental/admissions/dds_admissions.htm)

**Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry**
611 SW Campus Drive
Portland, OR 97239
Dean: Dr. Jack W. Clinton
Phone: (503) 494-8801
Web Address: [www.ohsu.edu/sod/admissions](http://www.ohsu.edu/sod/admissions)
Admission requirements: [http://www.ohsu.edu/sod/admissions/dental_program.html#Requirements](http://www.ohsu.edu/sod/admissions/dental_program.html#Requirements)