

Pre-Dentistry.htm

The University of Arkansas-Monticello offers courses that provide a basic education in biology, chemistry, mathematics and the humanities needed for acceptance into dental school. Dentistry is a rewarding career that allows you to push yourself intellectually while giving of yourself to your fellow man and your community. Acceptance to dental school is based on a history of academic excellence during your undergraduate career, a high score on the Dental Admission Test (DAT), extra-curricular activity and shadowing, and service to your community.

You can apply to dental school with any major, provided that you take the minimum required courses for the particular dental programs to which you are applying. Each dental school will have different prerequisite courses with different minimum hour requirements. Typically, the courses required for most dental schools are:

English: Composition I and II

Biology: 8 hours of basic biology, Microbiology, and Comparative Anatomy (Sometimes other specific courses required)

Chemistry: General Chem I, General Chem II, Organic I, and Organic II (all with labs)

Physics: College or University Physics I and II with labs

Biochemistry: 3 or 6 hours

Math: Calculus I

At UAM, we recommend the [Biology/Biochemistry double major](#). This plan of study provides a strong background in biology and chemistry needed for success on the DAT exam and in dental school. Students with this background have an exceptionally high acceptance rate into dental school and have performed well once admitted.

Links to Dental Schools:

[University of Tennessee-HSC College of Dentistry](#)

[LSU Health New Orleans School of Dentistry](#)

[University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Dentistry](#)

[University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry](#)

[University of Texas Health Science Center –San Antonio Dental School](#)

[University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston School of Dentistry](#)

[University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry](#)

[University of Louisville School of Dentistry](#)

Other Useful Links:

[Dental Admissions Test \(DAT\) Exam Site](#)

[Information for Aspiring Dentists](#)

[Texas Medical & Dental Schools Application Service](#)