



# Pre-Dental

## Pre-Professional Program

Students desiring to become dentists should recognize that no university offers a “major” in Pre-Dentistry. Pre-dental students pursue a course of study to fulfill requirements for entrance into a dental school. Students may opt for declaring a major of their choice and work toward a baccalaureate degree, but that major must include the pre-dental requirements. All courses necessary for a pre-dental curriculum are available at UW-La Crosse.

Students completing their pre-dental requirements at UW-La Crosse have opted for admission at a number of dental schools, but the majority of students have attended Marquette University (<http://www.mu.edu/>). While Marquette is a private institution, they do receive some money from the state to support state students. Recently, scholarship monies have become more readily available to deserving students.

The following admission requirements are for Marquette University but are very close to those of other dental schools. Students will need to check closely with the Pre-Dental advisor or specific schools for those variations.

Marquette University’s School of Dentistry requires the successful completion of a minimum of 90 semester hours prior to admission. Nearly all students have earned a baccalaureate degree prior to admission.

### Marquette University Dental School Requirements

### UW-La Crosse Course to Meet Requirement

	Semester Credits		Semester Credits
Chemistry	16	Chm 103 General Chemistry	5
		Chm 104 General Chemistry	5
		Chm 303 Organic Chemistry I	3
		Chm 304 Organic Chemistry II	3
		Chm 305 Organic Chemistry Lab	2
Physics	8	Phy 103 Fundamental Physics I	4
		Phy 104 Fundamental Physics II	4
Biology	8	Bio 105 General Biology	4
		Bio 312 Anatomy and Physiology	4
English	6	Eng 110 College Writing I	3
		Eng 2XX Literature	3

Recommended Electives:

Suggested pre-dental science electives include anatomy, cell biology, genetics, biochemistry, microbiology and physiology.

“Students are advised to gain, through their college studies, an understanding and appreciation of various cultural backgrounds in preparation for their futures as professionals and community leaders.

With these ideas in mind, it is recommended that courses in English composition and literature, speech, mathematics, history, philosophy, sociology, political science, economics, psychology, foreign language and the like be included in the schedule of pre-dental studies.”

Application for admission is made through the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). Each applicant is required to take the Dental Admission Test (DAT). Information about AADSAS and the DAT is available from the Pre-Dental Advisor.

Students should be advised as early as possible to avoid problems on the other end.

For further information, please see the Pre-Dental Advisor at UW-L.

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