**2020-20201 Michigan Dental School Coursework Guide**

This is intended a guide. It is an applicant’s responsibility to double check requirements for individual schools to which they intend to apply.

**University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry**

* Grades of a C or higher are expected in prerequisite courses; however, high B grades or higher are truly more competitive
* A minimum GPA in science courses of 3.0 is recommended, but GPAs of 3.5 or higher are truly more competitive
* A full-time academic load (15-18 credits) of three or four science courses each term is encouraged, particularly during the junior and senior undergraduate years.
* Prerequisite should be completed within 5 years of the application date. Retakes are advised if prerequisites are older than 5 years.

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| **Academic Requirements** | **WSU Suggested Coursework** |
| Biology – 2 semesters with lab | BIO 1500, 1510 |
| Microbiology – 1 semester | BIO 2200 |
| Biochemistry – 1 semester | BIO 3100, CHM 5600 or CHM 6620\* |
| General Chemistry – 2 semesters with lab | CHM 1220/1230 & CHM 2280/2290 |
| Organic Chemistry – 2 semesters with lab | CHM 1240/1250 & 2220/2230 |
| Physics – 2 semesters with lab (with math prerequisites) | PHY 2130/2131 & 2140/2141MAT 1800  |
| English – 2 semesters of composition | ENG 1020, Intermediate Composition  |
| Additional strongly recommended courses | PSY 1010, SOC 1010, courses in BUS |

\*CHM 6620 may be used to satisfy the biochemistry requirement only if a student is pursuing a biochemistry degree.

**Additional Application Requirements**

* DAT – competitive scores are 20 or higher; DAT scores older than two years are not acceptable; Canadian DAT is accepted; DAT scores not accepted after December 31st
* Letters of Recommendation – two (2) from science faculty in biology, chemistry or physics by whom the candidate has been instructed are REQUIRED; one (1) letter from a general dentist attesting to the applicant having spent a reasonable amount of time chair side, exploring the dental profession required; letters must be dated and on official letterhead, see website for additional information
* Shadowing Requirements – minimum of 60 hours REQUIRED, preferred with a general dentist
* Interview – students are asking to complete KIRA Talent prior to invite to campus; group interview and school visit
* Please visit the UDM School of Dentistry website for more information

**University of Michigan School of Dentistry**

* Prerequisite coursework should be completed with a C or higher; grades lower than a C- or taken pass/fail or credit/no credit will not be accepted
* Most of the prerequisite coursework should be completed at the time of application
* AP credit is accepted if college credit was received and the course appears on the official transcript
* CLEP credits are not accepted

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* Letters of Recommendation – two (2) from science faculty in biology, chemistry or physics by whom the candidate has been instructed are REQUIRED; one (1) letter of choice (could be a dentist, instructor, employer, mentor or another individual); four letters are accepted but not required
* Shadowing Requirements – minimum of 100 hours is required; candidates that apply with less than the minimum will not be evaluated; dental-related activities are encouraged but do not count towards the 100 hours
* Interviews – full day including a school visit and MMI
* Please visit the University of Michigan website for more information

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**A note regarding the impacts of COVID-19 for pre-dental students:**

* In general, professional schools (dental school) would rather see a grade earned in a prerequisite course (rather than a P/F)
* It is an applicant’s responsibility to know what individual school policies are as they relate to online coursework, shadowing requirements and the DAT
* Interviews at both Michigan schools have been moved to a virtual format

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Applicants should also explore the application resources available through the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) adea.org/GoDental/Application\_Prep