

**Program Planning Enclosure****Calendar Year: 2015/2016**Current and past Program Planning Guides are available on the UofL website at [www.uleth.ca/ross/ppgs/ppg.html](http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ppgs/ppg.html)**Faculty: Arts & Science (U of L)****Dentistry (University of Alberta)**

Students with an academic objective of Dentistry at the University of Alberta are admitted to the Bachelor of Science program with a major in Agricultural Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, or Neuroscience. Please refer to the appropriate Program Planning Guide for a sample sequence of courses.

**Academic Requirements for Admission**

The minimum requirement for admission to the DDS Program is the satisfactory completion of 60 credits of transferable postsecondary work, of which 30 credits must be taken during one academic year (fall/spring).

To be in a position to apply to the School of Dentistry at the University of Alberta, students should include the following courses in their University of Lethbridge program:

U of A requirements	U of L Equivalency
6 credits General Chemistry	Chemistry 1000 - General Chemistry I Chemistry 2000 - General Chemistry II
6 credits Organic Chemistry	Chemistry 2500 - Organic Chemistry I Chemistry 2600 - Organic Chemistry II
6 credits Biology	Biology 1010 - Cellular Basis of Life Biology 1020 - Diversity of Life
6 credits Physics	Physics 1000 - Introduction to Physics I or Physics 1050 - Introduction to Biophysics Physics 2000 - Introduction to Physics II
6 credits English	English 1900 - Introduction to Language and Literature English elective
3 credits Statistics	Statistics 1770 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics
3 credits Biochemistry	Biochemistry 2000 - Introductory Biochemistry

**Note:** *The above courses have prerequisites which may or may not be included within your chosen major. Please refer to the Calendar or the Timetable for prerequisite information.*

**Choice of Major:**

Students with an academic objective of Dentistry are admitted to a B.Sc. degree program with a major in Agricultural Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, or Neuroscience. The choice of major does not affect a student's eligibility for admission to the School of Dentistry but does affect registration priority for courses at the U of L. After completion of a year or two, students may elect to change majors and complete another degree program. Students considering a change of major should consult an Academic Advisor.

**Application Information for the School of Dentistry:**

Approximately 32 students are admitted annually. In addition to the regular quota, additional positions may be available in the D.D.S. program for qualified students of Aboriginal ancestry and/or qualified Rural Alberta students. For information regarding these admission routes, contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office, School of Dentistry. CEGEP courses may not fulfill the prerequisite requirements. Contact the School of Dentistry for advice if you have Advanced Placement or CEGEP courses.

**Admission Criteria (2016):**

1. **Overall GPA (OGPA)** - (50% of overall rank score) is comprised of all transferable postsecondary work completed as a full-time student taken during Fall/Winter or Spring/Summer Terms. For overall GPA calculation full-time study is equivalent to a minimum of 18 credits taken during Fall/Winter Terms or 12 credits taken during Spring/Summer Terms.
2. **Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) scores** - (25% of overall rank score) is the sum of grades in the reading comprehension, perceptual ability and manual dexterity.
3. **Interview results** (25% of overall rank score)

In order to be competitive, applicants should strive for a minimum GPA of 3.5 in their university studies. Students with a GPA of less than 3.0 will not be considered for admission.

For applicants who have completed four or more years of transferable postsecondary work, the cumulative (overall) GPA is calculated with the deletion of the lowest Fall/Winter GPA, provided it is not the most recent Fall/Winter or the only Fall/Winter where 30 credits was taken.

**Application Procedure:**

Application to the School of Dentistry must be made by November 1 of the year prior to that for which admission is sought. No late applications will be accepted. Only electronic applications will be accepted. Two official transcripts, indicating grades to date and Fall registration, must be submitted by November 15. Official transcripts (two copies) showing completed work up to and including first term of the current year must be submitted by February 1. Applications that are incomplete after February 1 cannot be evaluated for interview selection. Official final transcripts (two copies) must be submitted by June 15. Official transcripts must be sent directly from the issuing institution to the Office of the Registrar at the University of Alberta. All documentation must be received by June 15. Incomplete files will not be considered. Applicants will be notified in writing May-July.

The School of Dentistry stresses that successful candidates to the program have the following:

- Above average academic capability;
- Good interpersonal skills;
- An understanding of the profession of Dentistry; and,
- Demonstrable manual dexterity and perceptual ability.

**General Information:**

If a student repeats a course for which a passing grade has already been awarded, the second attempt is ignored. A grade of 'D' is considered a failure by the School of Dentistry. Students are advised to check with the University of Alberta before repeating any course.

Students interested in Dentistry at the University of Alberta are urged to consult with Student Program Services (SU060; tel. 403-329-5106; email: [artsci.advising@uleth.ca](mailto:artsci.advising@uleth.ca)) for further information. Direct consultation with the School of Dentistry is also recommended.

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