Pre-Dentistry

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1. The pre-dental student should fulfill all requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree at Bemidji State University. The student should declare an academic major. Pre-Dentistry is not an academic major. The major may be in any field of study. The Dental Admission Test (DAT) is taken in the spring of the junior year.

2. Early entrance into dental school is possible for some students. Most students, however, enter dental school after completing a baccalaureate degree. In addition, some dental schools may require more courses than listed below. It is the responsibility of the pre-dental student to become aware of these additional requirements and to plan his or her pre-dental curriculum accordingly.

3. The pre-dental student should work closely with the pre-dentistry advisor so all course requirements are fulfilled prior to entrance into dental school. Delay in meeting with a pre-dental advisor will likely result in delayed entrance into dental school.

4. In addition to a strong background in behavioral sciences, English, and humanities, the following courses are specifically required for entrance into most dental schools:

   - BIOL 1211, 1212
   - CHEM 2211, 2212, 3311, 3312, 3371, 3372
   - ENGL 1151, 2152
   - MATH 1470
   - PHYS 1101, 1102 (or) 2101, 2102

5. The following courses are recommended to be included in the student's pre-dental curriculum:

   - BIOL 2110 or 2310, 3590, 3710, 4270
   - CHEM 4411, 4412, 4471

6. A suggested pre-dental academic schedule is listed below; numbers in parentheses are semester credits:

   **Freshman**
   - BIOL 1211, 1212; F, S; (4,4)
   - CHEM 2211, 2212; F, S; (4,4)
   - ENGL 1151, 2152; F, S; (3,3)
   - MATH 1470; F or S; (5)
   - Electives: Consult your Pre-Dentistry Advisor

   **Sophomore**
   - BIOL 2110 or 2310, 3710; F, S; (5 or 4,4)
   - CHEM 3311, 3312; F, S; (3,3)
   - CHEM 3371, 3372; F, S; (1,1)
   - PHYS 1101, 1102 or 2101, 2102; F, S; (4,4 or 5,5)
   - Electives: Consult your Pre-Dentistry Advisor

   **Junior**
   - Electives: Consult your Pre-Dentistry Advisor

   **Senior**
   - Consult your Pre-Dentistry Advisor