

## Pre-Dentistry St. Cloud State University

Some important notes:

1. Pre-Dentistry is not a major. Individuals often choose degrees such as Biomedical Science (a biology degree) or Biochemistry (a chemistry degree). Though it is possible to enter dental school without a degree, most students accepted from SCSU have completed an undergraduate degree.
2. Application for a major may be completed after 15 credits. It is important to complete the application before 80 credits. In the general information section of the schedule for each term, note the following statement. "Admission to Major Requirement for Registration - Undergraduate students with **80 or more earned semester credits** must be formally admitted to an academic major program to register for classes. Formal admission requirements may vary according to academic program. Check with the specific academic department for admission procedures."
3. Upper division credits for a major - When choosing electives for a major, keep in mind the graduation requirement at SCSU and be aware of the following statement in the Undergraduate Bulletin. "**All baccalaureate candidates must have completed a minimum of 45 credits of coursework at the upper division (300-400) level.**" This means that you need to keep track of your courses in terms of level.
4. General education requirements - General education requirements require a detailed evaluation of options including the SCSU general education program and the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum. You may wish to visit the Advising Center for more details and evaluation of your general education requirements.

### Course Requirements

#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY (These courses are acceptable for most other U.S. dental schools.)

#### REQUIRED COURSES:

English

Speech

Biology

Physics

General Chemistry

#### St. Cloud Equivalents

English 191 + other courses to equal eight (8) credits

Communication Studies 192

Biology 151, 152, 262, 360

Physics 231, 232

Chemistry 210 (Assessment test required), 211

Organic Chemistry  
Biochemistry (at least one term)

Psychology  
Mathematics

Chemistry 310, 311  
Chemistry 241 or 480-481  
(Check requirements for your major. Chem. 241 may not be acceptable.)

Psychology 115 or 240  
Complete assessment test before selecting course. The U of M prefers that you complete at least Math 112 (College Algebra).

**Placement tests:** Both chemistry and mathematics have placement tests. Information for a given term may be obtained directly from the departmental office (Math - ECC-139; Chemistry - MS-358) or from websites. **Math Placement:**

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/mathplacement/>

**Chemistry Placement:**

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/chemistry/> - Follow the appropriate link for placement tests.

#### **ELECTIVES (These are suggested courses and not required for admission.):**

Art Course

Mathematics

Histology

Microbiology

Anatomy & Physiology

Analytical Chemistry

Accounting

Anthropology

Economics

Sociology

Foreign Languages

Sculpting or Drawing

Computer Science 169 or

Statistics 193

Biology 364

Biology 362

Biology 366, Biology 478

Chemistry 350

Accounting 201 or 291

Anthropology 240

Economics 291

Sociology 160

Your Choice

**APPLICATION PERIOD:** For information regarding admission to the University of Minnesota, including early admission, call (612) 625-7149 or visit their web site: <http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/>.

**ADMISSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WEB PAGE (Use the following links: EDUCATION PROGRAMS, DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY, Admissions Information.)**

At least 130 quarter hours or 87 semester hours must be completed from an accredited U.S. or Canadian college of university for admission. Applicants are encouraged to have a broad liberal education.

The University of Minnesota provides detailed information on requirements and evaluation of applicants at [http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/programs\\_admissions/DDS\\_Program/admissions\\_information/home.html](http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/programs_admissions/DDS_Program/admissions_information/home.html). You are encouraged to read this material. The requirements are very similar to other dental schools.

**Dental Admission Test:** More information on the admission test can be obtained from the American Dental Association website: <http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp>

**Admission Procedure:** Many schools including the University of Minnesota participate in a centralized application process. More information may be obtained from the following website.

**AASDAS Application (<http://www.adea.org>)**

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