



## Articulation Office – Counseling Services & Special Programs

### ADVISEMENT INFORMATION FOR TRANSFER MAJORS

#### **PRE-DENTAL**

Contrary to what many students assume, there is no "pre-dental" major. "Pre-dental" represents a pattern of courses required for admission to a school of dentistry. A prospective dental school student may choose almost any major they wish. **However, all dental schools require students to complete specific science, math, and general education coursework prior to admission.**

There are five (5) dental schools in California and admissions requirements vary and are very competitive: *UC Los Angeles; UC San Francisco; University of Southern California; Loma Linda University; and University of the Pacific.* High scholastic ability and manual dexterity are among the selection criteria for admission. Refer to the specific dental school catalog/bulletin and website for details regarding program and admissions requirements. Additional information on dental schools can be obtained from the American Dental Education Association website [www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org)

Candidates selected for admission to dental schools have generally completed three or four years of a rigorous pre-dental program. Students are advised to make normal progress toward a bachelor's degree. No particular major is required as long as a minimum of preparation represented by the following composite of courses is included.

#### **THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.**

**Recommended Lower-Division Preparation:** BIO 3A, 3B; \*\*CHEM 1A, 1B; 12A, 12B; ENG 1A, 1B; \*PHYS (2A **and** 2B); **or** \*PHYS (4A **and** 4B **and** 4C); PSYC 1; **and**, *one (1) additional three-unit psychology course, **and** 12-15 additional units in \*social sciences and/or \*humanities.*

**\*NOTE:** The physics sequences and additional social sciences or humanities courses should be selected based on requirements for the major and general education pattern for the intended institution of transfer.

**\*\*NOTE:** Students who have not completed a year of high school chemistry should enroll in Saddleback College's CHEM 3 prior to CHEM 1A. Also note that CHEM 3 and CHEM 1A assume knowledge of Algebra I and II in high school (MATH 253 **or** MATH 255 at Saddleback College), and that physics courses require either trigonometry or calculus as prerequisites.

Refer to the Saddleback College catalog for [prerequisites](#) and [corequisites](#) for all the science and math courses.

#### **NOTES:**

- The selection of the physics sequence, social sciences and humanities, math courses, and other general education and major-related courses should be selected based on the major chosen, and the requirements of the intended transfer institution.
- Contact each college/university that you are interested in. Ask them to send you information about their "Pre-Dental" program; selection criteria, GPA requirements, and other pertinent admissions information. Also, ask for information about their campus, services, housing, etc. Meet with college/university representatives when they visit Saddleback College.
- Contact each school of dentistry in which you are interested. Acquire each dental school's admission requirements. Special attention should be paid to non-academic requirements, e.g. related experience, volunteerism, etc.
- Visit each school to which you are considering transferring. Research careers related to your chosen major.
- For additional transfer information, consult Saddleback College's Transfer Student Home Page: [www.saddleback.edu/ss/tc/TRANSFERSTUDENTPAGE.html](http://www.saddleback.edu/ss/tc/TRANSFERSTUDENTPAGE.html)