

B.S. Dental Hygiene

Program Admissions Requirements

Formal application for admission to the dental hygiene program must be submitted before January 15 of the year the student wishes to enter. Applicants must complete prerequisite courses and complete specific requirements for consideration. Applicants must have a minimum Cumulative Core and Natural Science Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.8. Dental hygiene program information regarding current admission criteria and procedures can be obtained from the Dental Hygiene website at <https://isu.edu/dentalhygiene/>, or directly from the department. Application materials are submitted through the American Dental Education Association Centralized Dental Hygiene Application Service (<http://www.adea.org/dhcas.aspx>).

Admission to Idaho State University is a separate procedure and **must** be completed prior to application to the dental hygiene program. Students must provide verification of current CPR certification and vaccinations prior to beginning the program within the specified application year.

Academic Standards

To enroll in upper division courses with a dental hygiene prefix (DENT), students must be accepted for admission to the dental hygiene program. Each student is responsible for completing the required course work in proper sequential order. To be eligible for graduation and progression in the dental hygiene program, the student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.25. Course work for which the student receives a grade below "C-" (C minus) will not be accepted as fulfilling requirements for the Department of Dental Hygiene. The department chairperson must approve any deviation from these standards.

Prerequisite Courses

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 2233 & 2233L	Principles of Microbiology and Principles of Microbiology Lab	4
Choose one of the following course sequences:		8
BIOL 2227 & 2227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 Lab	
and		
BIOL 2228 & 2228L	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 and Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 Lab	
OR		
BIOL 3301 & 3301L	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 Lab	
and		
BIOL 3302 & 3302L	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 and Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 Lab	
CHEM 1101	Introduction to Chemistry (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 5)	3
CHEM 1102 & CHEM 1103	Essentials of Organic and Biochemistry and Essentials of Organic and Biochemistry Laboratory	4

COMM 1101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (Satisfies General Education Objective 2)	3
DENT 2201	Principles of Dental Hygiene	2
ENGL 1101	Writing and Rhetoric I (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 1)	3
ENGL 1102	Writing and Rhetoric II (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 1)	3
NTD 2239 or NTD 3340	Nutrition (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 5) Nutrition for Health Professionals	3
MATH 1153	Statistical Reasoning (Satisfies General Education Objective 3)	3
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 6)	3
SOC 1101	Introduction to Sociology (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 6)	3

All coursework must be completed with a grade of C- or above.

Student must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.25 or higher.

Total Credits 42

• Elective course DENT 2220 (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/search/?P=DENT%202220>) is highly recommended for pre-dental hygiene students without dental office experience.

General Education

The listing below includes program requirements that also fulfill General Education requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Objective 1 - ENGL 1101; ENGL 1102		6
Objective 2 - COMM 1101		3
Objective 3 - MATH 1153 ¹		3
Objective 4		6
Objective 5 - CHEM 1101		7
Objective 6 - PSYC 1101, SOC 1101		6
Students must fulfill Objective 7 or Objective 8		3
Objective 7		
Objective 8 - INFO 1101 (Recommended)		
Objective 9		3
Total Credits		37

• Elective course INFO 1101 (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/search/?P=INFO%201101>) is highly recommended as an elective for those individuals without computer skills and it may be chosen to satisfy General Education Objective 8.

¹ "P" courses are equivalent to the original course.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
DENT 3307	Prevention and Management of Medical Emergencies	3
DENT 3308	Oral Histology and Embryology	2
DENT 3309	General and Oral Pathology	3
DENT 3311	Tooth Morphology	2
DENT 3312	Head and Neck Anatomy	3
DENT 3313	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	3
DENT 3313C	Clinical Dental Hygiene I Clinic	3
DENT 3314	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	2
DENT 3314C	Clinical Dental Hygiene II Clinic	3
DENT 3315	Preventive Dentistry	2
DENT 3316	Dental Materials	2
DENT 3318	Oral Radiology	2
DENT 3318L	Oral Radiology Laboratory	1
DENT 3319	Preclinical Restorative Procedures	2
DENT 3320	Pain Management	2
DENT 3321	Periodontology	2
DENT 4401	Research Methods	2
DENT 4402	Advanced Periodontology	2
DENT 4403	Advanced Clinical Theory I	2
DENT 4403C	Advanced Clinical Practice I Clinic	4
DENT 4404	Advanced Clinical Theory II	2
DENT 4404C	Advanced Clinical Practice II Clinic	4
DENT 4405	Dental Hygiene Seminar	1
DENT 4408	Ethical and Legal Principles	2
DENT 4411	Application of Restorative Therapies	2
DENT 4411C	Restorative Care I	1
DENT 4412C	Restorative Care II	1
DENT 4413	Community Health and Special Needs Populations	3
DENT 4414	Community Outreach Experiences	2
DENT 4421	Leadership and Health Policy	2
DENT 4422	Educational Strategies	2
DENT 4424	Principles of Interprofessional Collaborative Practice	3
DENT 3322	Basic and Applied Pharmacology for Dental Hygiene	2

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Total Credits	74
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Dental Hygiene Electives

Code	Title	Credits
DENT 3330C	Interim Clinic	2
DENT 3340C	Enhanced Strategies in Clinical Care	1
DENT 4481	Independent Studies in Dental Hygiene	1-3

Degree Totals

Code	Title	Credits
	Program Admission Requirements (Required General Education credits removed)	21
	General Education	37
	Major Requirements	74
	Free Electives	0
	Total Credits	132

ISU Degree Requirements (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/degree requirements/>)

ISU General Education (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generaleducation/>)

Major Academic Plan (MAP) (<https://www.isu.edu/advising/maps/>)