

Bachelor of Dental Surgery

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies>).

1 General

There shall be a degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery.

2 Duration of program

The program of study for the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery, unless otherwise approved by the Council on the recommendation of the School, shall extend over five years of full-time study.

A candidate may interrupt his or her studies:

a for the purpose of proceeding to the Honours degree of Bachelor of Science in Dentistry,

or

b for such period and on such conditions as may in each case be determined by the School.

Students wishing to interrupt their studies must apply for permission and obtain beforehand the approval of the Dean on behalf of the School for leave of absence for a defined period.

A student who leaves the program without approval or who extends leave of absence beyond the time period approved by the Dean shall be deemed to have withdrawn his or her candidature for the degree but shall be permitted to reapply for admission to the program in accordance with the procedures in operation at the time.

Students who have interrupted their studies in the prescribed courses may be required to resume at such a point in the program and/or to undertake such additional or special program of study as the Dean of the School deems appropriate.

3 Enrolment

3.1 Approval of enrolment

The following students must have their programs approved by the Dean or nominee at the time of enrolment in the year concerned:

a students who have been granted or are seeking status or exemption from these Rules

b students who are repeating a stream or streams; such students may be required to resume at a point in the program and/or undertake such additional or special program of study as the Dean of the School deems appropriate

c students who have obtained permission from the School to intermit their program, either to proceed to the Honours degree of Bachelor of Science in Dentistry, or for other reasons approved in each case.

3.2 Prescribed communicable infections policy

The University promotes a pro-active public health approach to prescribed communicable infections (PCI) such as HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C, and seeks to minimise the impact of these infections on students' academic progress.

It offers understanding and practical support to students with such infections, and aims to provide a work and study environment free from discrimination, challenging views that result in discriminatory attitudes toward people with PCIs.

The University also has a legal and ethical obligation to take all reasonable measures to prevent the transmission of prescribed communicable infections among students, staff members and visitors, and recognises that some students with such infections will not be permitted to complete the Bachelor of Dental Surgery or other clinical programs offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

All prospective Medical and Dental School students are strongly advised to consult the University's Students With Prescribed Communicable Infections Policy - available through the University's website at www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/591/ - which makes reference to the relevant legislation, elaborates on the reasons for the adoption of this policy, and outlines procedures for implementing the policy.

3.3 Police Record Check

Bachelor of Dental Surgery students require a National Police Certificate, obtained through a Police Record Check, before undertaking clinical placements or internships. Organisations providing clinical placements require the Certificate in line with legislation concerning the professional care of children, or people who are ill, elderly or vulnerable.

4 Assessment and examinations

- 4.1 A candidate may not be eligible to attend for examination unless the prescribed work has been completed to the satisfaction of the academic staff concerned.
- 4.2 In the revised curriculum, candidates will be required to enrol in one stream, Dental Science and Practice (DSP). Candidates will be awarded one of the following grades for assessment in the stream: Fail, Pass, Credit, Distinction, High Distinction. Candidates will also be required to complete the Progressive Integrated Assessment (PIA), which is one of the summative assessments within the DSP stream. The PIA will be assessed as a Non Graded Pass or Fail. If a candidate fails the PIA, they will fail the DSP stream. A candidate must pass the DSP stream to receive a pass in the Annual Examination. Students who enrolled in the program before 2010 will be required to complete all streams in each year of the program. Candidates will be awarded one of the grades in each of the streams: Fail, Pass, Credit, Distinction, High Distinction. Candidates will also be required to complete and pass the PIA to pass each of the individual streams and to pass the Annual Examination. Candidates will be awarded a Non Graded Pass or Fail in the PIA.
- 4.3 In determining a candidate's final result in a stream (or part of a stream) the examiners may take into account oral, written, clinical, practical and examination work, provided that the candidate has been given adequate notice at the commencement of the teaching of the stream of the way in which work will be taken into account and of its relative importance in the final result.
- 4.4 The School will apply criterion referenced rather than norm referenced standards in determining these grades. It is a requirement that summative stream assessments are completed at a Pass level or better in order to progress to the following year and to meet the academic requirements of the program.
- 4.5 A candidate who has twice failed to obtain a Pass or higher in the stream assessment for the Bachelor degree may not enrol for that stream again except by special permission of the School and then only under such conditions as School may prescribe.

5 Qualification requirements

- 5.1 The program for the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery shall extend over five years.
 - 5.1.1 To qualify for the degree a candidate shall regularly attend ILAs, class meetings, tutorials and clinical practice, do written and laboratory or other practical work, including playing the role of the patient and chair side assistant, to the satisfaction of the academic staff concerned, and pass the prescribed examinations. Students shall attend clinics of the South Australian Dental Service, other teaching hospitals, and health centres, and accredited dental practices in South Australia and interstate, as required for their clinical instruction.
- 5.2 Rules for the admission of dental students to the practice of the South Australian Dental Service and other teaching hospitals and health centres:
 - 5.2.1 Students must register with the Dental Board of Australia.
 - 5.2.2 Each dental student of the University of Adelaide shall attend clinics of the South Australian Dental Service, other teaching hospitals or health centres and accredited dental practices, as directed by the Dean of the School of Dentistry; and each student shall be admitted to the practice of the South Australian Dental Service or other teaching hospitals or health centres under the disciplinary control of the Chief Executive Officer, in the case of the former, or the Medical Superintendent or Director, in the case of the latter. Students working in accredited dental practices will be under the supervision of a practitioner nominated by the University.
 - 5.2.3 No student may introduce visitors into any of the said clinics, hospitals or health centres, or dental practices without permission of the above designated officers.
 - 5.2.4 Students shall conduct themselves with propriety and discharge the duties assigned, and pay for or replace any article damaged, lost or destroyed by them; and make good any loss sustained by their negligence.
 - 5.2.5 Each student shall at all times be under the direction and supervision of a duly appointed member of the teaching staff of the University of Adelaide, or a person who has been granted appropriate University status, and shall carry out such work as shall be allotted.
 - 5.2.6 No student shall administer treatment to any patient without the approval of an appointed academic staff member or sessional dental educator.
 - 5.2.7 Except in the performance of the associated clinical duties, no student may disclose any information whatsoever concerning a patient without the permission of both the patient and the Senior Dental or Medical Officer in charge.
 - 5.2.8 No student shall publish a report on any case without the written permission of the Chief Executive Officer in the case of the South Australian Dental Service, or the Medical Superintendent or Director in the case of teaching hospitals or health centres or the supervisor in accredited dental practices, and the Senior Dental or Medical Officer under whose care the patient is or has been.

5.2.9	No student shall communicate directly to the press, radio or television any matter concerning the clinical practice of the institution or accredited dental practices to which that student is attached.	
5.2.10	Misconduct or infringement of any of these rules, may lead to temporary suspension by the Chief Executive Officer, South Australian Dental Service, or the Medical Superintendent or Director, other teaching hospitals or health centres or by the supervisor in an accredited dental practice. In the case of such temporary suspension, written notice shall immediately be given to the Dean of the School of Dentistry.	
5.3	Academic program	
5.3.1	Curriculum	
5.3.1.1	At the First Annual Examination the candidate shall satisfy the examiners in the following stream:	
	DENT 1005A/BHO Dental Science and Practice I Part 1 & 2	24
5.3.1.2	At the Second Annual Examination the candidate shall satisfy the examiners in each of the following streams:	
	DENT 2005A/BHO Dental Science and Practice II Part 1 & 2	24
5.3.1.3	At the Third Annual Examination the candidate shall satisfy the examiners in the following stream:	
	DENT 3005A/BHO Dental Science and Practice III Part 1 & 2	24
5.3.1.4	At the Fourth Annual Examination the candidate shall satisfy the examiners in the following stream:	
	DENT Dental Science and Practice IV Part 1 & 2	24
5.3.1.5	At the Fifth Annual Examination the candidate shall satisfy the examiners in the following stream:	
	DENT Dental Science and Practice V Part 1 & 2	24
5.4	General	
	A candidate shall complete each annual examination before entering upon the work of the following year's program of study provided that:	
a	A candidate may begin the first semester's work in the following year's program of study pending the result of any supplementary examination for which the candidate has been permitted to present.	
b	A supplementary examination shall not be awarded on academic grounds where the student obtained an aggregate score more than 5% below the passing score.	
c	The annual examination at the end of the fifth year shall be known as the Final Examination. In exceptional circumstances a candidate's results in the Final Examination may be withheld if the candidate's performance in the required clinical work is considered unsatisfactory by the Board of Examiners. In such a case, the candidate will be required to complete satisfactorily such additional work as the Dean of the School may recommend to the Board of Examiners.	
5.5	No candidate will be permitted to count towards an award any course, together with any other course, which, in the opinion of the School concerned, contains a substantial amount of the same material; and no course or portion of a course may be counted twice towards an award.	
5.6	Graduation	
	Subject to Chapter 89 of the Statutes, candidates who have satisfied the requirements for any award of the University shall be admitted to that award.	

6 Special circumstances

When in the opinion of the relevant Faculty special circumstances exist, the Council, on the recommendation of the Faculty in each case, may vary any of the provisions of the Academic Program Rules for any particular award.