

3+4 Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry Dual Degree Program

Information Sheet

The College of Wooster has an ongoing agreement with [Case Western Reserve University's School of Dental Medicine](#) to participate in a seven-year, pre-dental/dental program. Each student successfully completing both programs will receive their Bachelor's degree from The College of Wooster and the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) from Case Western Reserve University. A student must apply to this program at the time they apply to The College of Wooster. Any prospective student interested in this program is strongly encouraged to contact the Chair of the Pre-Health Advising Committee or the Health Professions Advisor.

About the Program:

- Students accepted into this program will spend three years at Wooster, and upon successful completion of all requirements below will be awarded a place in the first-year class at CWRU's School of Dental Medicine upon completion of their junior year. While at Wooster, students complete approximately 24 courses designed to satisfy pre-dental requirements for Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry and requirements for combined professional programs as outlined in the College catalogue.
- The Bachelor of Arts degree from The College of Wooster is awarded upon successful completion of the first year of work at the School of Dentistry.

Requirements:

- **GPA:** 3+4 students must maintain an academic grade point average (GPA) of **3.5 or better** both in science courses and overall GPA while at The College of Wooster.
- **Major:** Students may choose any major of interest at Wooster as long as they complete the required prerequisite courses listed below.
- **Prerequisite courses required for this program:** (all of these must be taken as graded)
 - 12 semester hours of chemistry with lab, of which 6 are organic chemistry.
(At Wooster: Chem 111, 112, 211, and 212; additional courses may apply if bringing AP credit)
 - 6 semester hours of biology with lab (At Wooster: Biol 111, 201, and another Biol course with lab)
 - 6 semester hours of physics with lab (At Wooster: Either Phys 107 and 108, OR Phys 111 and 112)
 - 6 semester hours of English (At Wooster: First Year Seminar, and one additional Engl or W course)
 - Suggested pre-dental science electives include cell biology, genetics, biochemistry, microbiology, and physiology. Additional recommended courses can be found on the CWRU website.
- **Wooster degree requirements:**
 - The student must have completed at least 24 semester courses of which not fewer than 16 courses have been completed at Wooster. No more than two transfer courses may be offered, if approved, in fulfillment of degree requirements.
 - All requirements of the College for the degree of Bachelor of Arts must have been met (all of the liberal arts core requirements, etc.), except in the major and Independent Study.
 - In the major, the student must have successfully completed a sufficient number of courses in the first three years so as to complete the major in a fourth year, if necessary, without a course overload.
- **DAT score and timing:** 3+4 students must obtain a score of 19 or higher on the Academic Average section and a score of 18 or higher on the Perceptual Ability section of the Dental Admissions Test (DAT). They must take the DAT as early as April of their second year and no later than November of their third year.
- **Application to Case Dental:**
 - 3+4 students must apply to Case via the ADEA AADSAS, sometime between May after their Sophomore year through no later than December 1st of their Junior year.
 - For letters of recommendation, applicants may either request a letter from the health professions advisor, or they may apply for a Wooster committee letter (applications are due early spring of their sophomore year).

- Applicants must complete a [CASPer Assessment](#) (upon application to the dental school), have a successful transition interview, and complete a criminal background check (after receiving the final acceptance letter to CWRU School of Dental Medicine).
- **Petition to graduate from Wooster ‘in absentia’:** During the fall of their junior year, 3+4 students must apply to graduate “in absentia” by following all instructions in and completing the associated form located [here on the Registrar’s site](#).

Opportunities and Support:

While at Wooster, students in this program are encouraged to:

- Meet with the Health Professions Advisor once per semester to discuss progress and any questions
- Attend meetings hosted by and/or become involved in the [College’s Pre-Dental Society](#)
- Consider joining Wooster’s influential [Health Coach Program](#)

How to Apply for the 3+4 Dual Degree Program:

- Students must indicate in their application to The College of Wooster a desire to apply for the seven-year dental program.
- Students planning to apply for the Case Western Reserve University Dental Program are required by Case to submit ACT or SAT scores as part of your application. To provide strong support for your application it is recommended that you have achieved scores in the range of 1300+ and 30+ respectively. If you do not have scores in these ranges, submitting proof of an AP Biology or AP Chemistry exam score of 5 will help to support your application as well.
- If accepted to The College of Wooster, the admissions office will send a copy of the undergraduate application Case Western Reserve University Dental School for review. Students will then be notified if they have been invited to interview.
- Interviews typically occur 2 to 4 weeks after the application was received by Case Western Reserve in late-January. Students will be notified by Case Western Reserve University if they have been accepted.