

School of Dentistry

Undergraduate Admissions Policy for 2021 entry

This policy provides detail on the additional requirements of the following programmes offered by the School of Dentistry:

- BDS Bachelor of Dental Surgery (A200)
- BDS Bachelor of Dental Surgery with a preliminary year (A204)
- DipHE Diploma in Dental Hygiene (B750)
- BSc Dental Therapy and Hygiene (B752)

Note: this policy should be read in conjunction with the [Cardiff University Admissions Policies](#).

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Entry requirements

The typical entry requirements for A-level, BTEC, and International Baccalaureate (IB) applicants are published on Coursefinder and UCAS.

Non-standard entry requirements

For applicants not offering A-level, BTEC, and the IB, please see our list of acceptable alternative qualifications:

- [Appendix A - Bachelor of Dental Surgery \(A200/A204\)](#)
- [Appendix B - DipHE Dental Hygiene \(B750\)](#)
- [Appendix C - BSc Dental Therapy and Hygiene \(B752\)](#)

Resits

For the BDS programme, resit applicants are not considered unless they have held a conditional firm offer in the previous year and not met the conditions of that offer.

UCAS Application Deadlines

For the BDS programmes, you must submit a fully completed application via UCAS by 15 October 2020. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

For the BSc and DipHE programmes, you must submit a fully completed application via UCAS by 15 January to be guaranteed consideration. Applications after this date will be considered subject to places being available.

Selection process

If you meet the minimum entry requirements at Level 2 (typically GCSEs) and Level 3 (typically A-level), your application will be given an academic score. If you are applying for the BDS programme, your overall score will also include the UCAT. The highest scoring applicants are invited to interview.

Appendix A - Bachelor of Dental Surgery (A200/A204)

<p>Access to Higher Education</p>	<p>A200: Access courses are not accepted for the five-year programme.</p> <p>A204: You must have appropriate qualifications at Level 2 (e.g. GCSEs) and achieve an Access to HE with 60 credits overall with a minimum of 45 at Level 3 to include a minimum of 30 distinctions and 15 merits.</p> <p>Acceptable Access to HE subjects: Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Science (which must have both Chemistry and Biology components).</p>
<p>Graduate applicants</p>	<p>A200:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:1 Honours classification. • ABB grades at A-level, or equivalent, including Biology and Chemistry • Level 2 (GCSE) requirements must also be met <p>A204:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:1 Honours classification. • ABB grades at A-level, or equivalent • Level 2 (GCSE) requirements must also be met
<p>International qualifications</p>	<p>Applicants offering international qualifications may be considered.</p> <p>Applicants should refer to the equivalency tables published on our website for further information:</p> <p>https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/public-information/students-applicants/admissions-policies</p> <p>Grade, level, and subject requirements must be met.</p>
<p>Other UK qualifications</p>	<p>Applicants offering other qualifications, or a combination of qualifications, may be considered.</p> <p>Applicants should refer to the information published on our website for further information:</p> <p>https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/policies-and-procedures/qualification-acceptance</p> <p>Grade, level, and subject requirements must be met.</p>
<p>Scottish National 5s, Highers, and Advanced Highers</p>	<p>A200:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade A in seven National 5 subjects including Biology, Chemistry, English language, and Mathematics; and • AAAAA at Higher Level including two sciences (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics); and • AA grades at Advanced Higher including Biology and Chemistry. <p>A204:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five National 5 subjects at minimum grade A including English language and Mathematics; and • AAAAA at Higher Level including two sciences (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)

Appendix B - DipHE Dental Hygiene (B750)

Access to Higher Education	<p>Science based programme (with Biology or Human Biology).</p> <p>45 credits at level 3 (with 30 credits at merit and 15 at distinction).</p>
Graduate applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:2 Honours classification • CC grades A-level at A-level, or equivalent including Biology or Human Biology • Level 2 (GCSE) requirements must also be met
International qualifications	<p>Applicants offering international qualifications can only be considered if assessed as Home in relation to Fee Status.</p> <p>Applicants should refer to the equivalency tables published on our website for further information:</p> <p>https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/public-information/students-applicants/admissions-policies</p> <p>Grade, level, and subject requirements must be met.</p>
Other UK qualifications	<p>Applicants offering other qualifications, or a combination of qualifications, may be considered.</p> <p>Applicants should refer to the information published on our website for further information:</p> <p>https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/policies-and-procedures/qualification-acceptance</p> <p>Grade, level, and subject requirements must be met.</p>
Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade C in five National 5 subjects including English language and Biology • AA grades at Higher level including Biology OR a combination of Advanced Highers and Highers (CC at A-level grade equivalency and subject requirements must be met)

Appendix C - BSc Dental Therapy and Hygiene (B752)

Access to Higher Education	<p>Science based programme (with Biology or Human Biology).</p> <p>45 credits at level 3 (with 30 credits at distinction and 15 at merit).</p>
Graduate applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:2 Honours classification • BCC grades A-level at A-level, or equivalent including Biology or Human Biology • Level 2 (GCSE) requirements must also be met
International qualifications	<p>Applicants offering international qualifications can only be considered if assessed as Home in relation to Fee Status.</p> <p>Applicants should refer to the equivalency tables published on our website for further information:</p> <p>https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/public-information/students-applicants/admissions-policies</p> <p>Grade, level, and subject requirements must be met.</p>
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Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade C in five National 5 subjects including English language and Biology • CC at Advanced Higher including Biology • Either another subject at grade C at Advanced Higher Level OR CC at Higher level OR a combination of Advanced Highers and Highers (BBB at A-level grade equivalency and subject requirements must be met)