Interested in Dentistry, Medicine or Podiatric Medicine?

Enrolment Advice for UWA students

General Information

- All applicants require an Australian bachelor degree (or equivalent) before applying to the postgraduate professional courses of: Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD), Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM).
- The Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) commenced in 2013 and is a 4 year postgraduate course.
- The Doctor of Medicine (MD) commences in 2014 and will be a 4 year postgraduate course.
- The Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) commenced in 2013 and is a 3 year postgraduate course.

Applications

- Domestic applicants apply directly to the Faculty Admissions Office for the DMD and DPM. GAMSAT results are required at the time of application.
- Domestic applicants apply to the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS) for the MD. GAMSAT results are required at the time of application.
- International applicants apply directly to UWA International Centre for the DMD, MD and DPM. GAMSAT or MCAT results are required at the time of application.
- Domestic and International applications close late May/early June for the DMD.
- Domestic applications normally close late May for the MD (refer to GEMSAS website).
- International applications normally close early June for the MD.
- Domestic and International applications close late September for the DPM.

Admission Test

- Domestic graduate applicants are required to sit the GAMSAT.
- Registration for GAMSAT opens in the preceding October and closes late January/early February of the application year. The test is in March of the application year.
- International graduate applicants are required to sit either the GAMSAT or MCAT.
- It is recommended applicants have the equivalent knowledge of Australian Year 12 physics, university year 1 biology/human biology and chemistry to prepare for these tests.
- GAMSAT can be sat in the penultimate and final years of an undergraduate degree.
- Test scores are valid for 2 years.

Academic Requirements

- Applicants can apply with any Australian bachelor degree (or equivalent); the Faculty Admissions Office does not take into consideration what area the degree is in. All that is considered for interview short listing is the GPA and GAMSAT score.
- The most recent 3 years of full-time study are taken into consideration when calculating the GPA; this includes Honours (if already completed), Graduate Certificates and Diplomas, Masters by coursework study. Completed PhDs are awarded a GPA of 7.0. Completed Masters by Research will allow a 0.2 bonus to be awarded to the GPA.
- Students at UWA can take any major(s) in their undergraduate degree; majors DO NOT have to be science based.
- There is no requirement for applicants to undertake a biomedical sciences double major. It may be difficult for applicants to obtain a competitive GPA in this double major.
- The higher the GPA the more competitive an applicant is (the minimum entry requirement is a GPA of 5.5 – approx. 65% weighted average).
Examples of UWA major combinations*

- Pathology and Laboratory Medicine with French Studies
- Pharmacology with Management
- Microbiology and Immunology with Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing
- Population Health with Political Science and International Relations
- Anatomy and Human Biology with Economics (single major)
- Communication and Media Studies with Accounting

*Please note that this list of major combinations is not exhaustive and is simply an illustration of the flexibility permitted.

Suggested units

Whatever major(s) students select, those wishing to prepare for the GAMSAT should consider the following units at UWA. Please note that these units might have prerequisites.

Please note that this is a guideline and students should check the GAMSAT website to find out how much preparation they think they should do.

Biology

- ANHB1102 can be taken as a Category A broadening unit for students not enrolled in the BSc
- ANHB1101, BIOL1130, BIOL1131, SCIE1106 can be taken as Category B broadening units for students not enrolled in the BSc.
- ANHB1101, ANHB1102 BIOL1130, BIOL1131, SCIE1106 can be taken as elective units within the BSc.

Chemistry

- CHEM1001, CHEM1002, CHEM1003 or CHEM1004 can be taken as Category B broadening units in a degree other than BSc.
- CHEM1001, CHEM1002, CHEM1003 or CHEM1004 can be taken as elective units within the BSc.
- If no WACE Chemistry need to take CHEM1003.

Physics (for those without Year 12 physics)

- PHYS1021 and PHYS1022 can be taken as a Category B broadening unit for students not enrolled in the BSc.
- PHYS1021 and PHYS1022 can be taken as elective units within the BSc.

Further Information on admission to the MD, DMD or DPM:

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