

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Lower Division Curriculum

Use for upper division application cycle 2025 and beyond

Program Pre-Requisite	Course	Credits
Academic Orientation (required for first time freshman)	DHED 101	1
Written Communication	ENGL 101 and ENGL 102	6
Introduction to Biological Systems	BIOL 102 and BIOL 104 Lab	4
Introduction to Chemistry or Chemistry for Health Professions	CHEM 101 or CHEM 105	3-4
Introduction to Microbiology	BIOL 257	3
Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs	BIOL 260 and BIOL 264 BIOL 261 and BIOL 265	4 4
Human Nutrition	HSS 303	3
Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 105, 111, or higher	3
Statistics	MATH 109	3
Oral Communication	COMM 111, 112, 115	3
Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 201	3
Sociology Selective	SOC 201, 202, 203 or 210	3
Historical Perspectives	See general education list	3
Arts and Humanities (from two different departments)	See general education list	6
*U.S. Perspectives (P1) and World Perspectives (P2)	See general education list	
Electives as needed (Ethics course recommended)		3
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*Diversity requirements met by taking courses in other Cardinal Core general education categories and therefore should not add hours to the total program.

Note: Courses in bold are required science and/or program courses. Dental Hygiene program sciences must have a grade of “C” or higher and be completed within 10 years of application to the upper division clinical phase of the program.

A minimum of 55 credit hours required to be earned or in progress at time of application to the upper division of the Dental Hygiene program. For a complete list of UofL general education courses and for more information, visit <http://louisville.edu/provost/ger/>

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