

University of Detroit Mercy **School of Dentistry Fact Sheet**

What is University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) School of Dentistry's (SOD) mission statement?

"Through excellence in teaching, scholarship and service, UDM SOD, in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions, develops scientifically based, socially and ethically sensitive oral health professionals."

Where can I find additional information about UDM SOD?

- UDM SOD Website: <http://www.dental.udmercy.edu>
- 2015-2016 ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools (can be borrowed from the CLAS Academic Advising Center, or ordered online: <http://www.adea.org/publications/Pages/OfficialGuide.aspx>)

What were the admission statistics for 2014?

- Number applied: **1,647** (357 in-state, **965** out-of-state, **325** international)
- Number interviewed: **600** (163 in-state, **437** out-of-state)
- Number of students in the class: **144** (72 in-state, **32** out-of-state, **40** international including 33 Canadians)

What DAT score and GPA do I need to be competitive?

DAT scores of the 2014 entering class:	GPA of the 2014 entering class:
<p>Academic Average Mean: 20.4 (range 17-26) Perceptual Ability Mean: 20.2 (range 14-26) Total Science Mean: 20.6 (range 17-26) <i>A minimum score of 20 on each section is recommended.</i></p> <p><i>When an applicant has submitted multiple DAT scores, UDM SOD uses only the most recent set of scores available in admission review. DAT scores older than 2 years are not accepted. Applications are NOT considered before DAT scores are received.</i></p>	<p>Overall GPA Mean: 3.64 (range 2.83-4.19) Science GPA Mean: 3.60 (range 2.83-4.20)</p> <p><i>When calculating GPA, Dental schools will count all attempts of a course when a course has been repeated. A minimum GPA in science courses of 3.0 is recommended, but GPAs of 3.5 or higher are considered more competitive. A full-time academic load (15-18 semester hours) of three or four science courses each term is encouraged, particularly during the junior and senior undergraduate years.</i></p>
Other Requirements	
<p>At least 60 hours of dentist job shadowing within a general practice setting is required. A letter of recommendation also attests to activities and time in office.</p>	

What else do I need to do to be a competitive applicant to UDM SOD?

Besides GPA and DAT scores, UDM SOD evaluates a number of other factors and attributes, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty of curriculum and achievement within that curriculum • A challenging undergraduate science curriculum • Experience/exposure to the profession • Motivation for pursuing the profession | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community service experiences • Time management skills • Intrinsic values • Research experience • Letters of Evaluation and Personal Statement |
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What do I need to know about applying to UDM SOD?

Like most dental schools, UDM SOD uses **AADSAS** as their application server:

http://www.adea.org/dental_education_pathways/aadsas/Applicants/Pages/default.aspx. The application deadline is **March 1st**. However, students are strongly encouraged to submit their application as **EARLY** as possible, ideally before November 1st.

UDM SOD uses a one-one one **interview** format with a member of the Admissions Committee. Students are strongly encouraged to bring questions for their interviewer; they prefer it to be a two-way conversation.

While there is **no supplemental application** form/questions, a **non-refundable application fee of \$75.00** (U.S. currency, money order) is due at the time of application and should be sent directly to the School of Dentistry, along with a 2"x2" photograph with the applicant's signature and AADSAS ID number on back.

Letters of recommendation should be submitted through AADSAS as follows:

A. One Composite Letter from Pre-Professional Advisory Committee or Two Letters from Science Faculty.

A composite letter of recommendation is required if your university has a pre-professional advisory committee. If no such committee exists, two letters are required from science faculty by whom you have been instructed. The Dental Admissions Committee strongly recommends that the letters are written by faculty within non-plant or non-environmental disciplines of Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

B. Shadowing Dentist.

All prospective applicants are encouraged to spend time in a dental office and are also required to provide a letter of recommendation from a dentist that also attests to the applicant having spent a reasonable amount of time with the practitioner exploring the dental profession.

Tuition for 2015-2016 is \$66,888 (in-state).

What is it like to be a UDM SOD student?

UDM SOD offers options for **areas of study**, including:

- Doctor of Dental Surgery
- Advanced Education in General Dentistry
- Endodontics
- Orthodontics
- Periodontics

Resources available to UDM SOD students include:

- Numerous student organizations
- Tutoring
- Academic counseling
- Community service opportunities
- Mentoring
- Personal counseling
- Professional and career-development programming
- Training for those interested in academic careers

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact UDM SOD:

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