

Undergraduate study

Dentistry



Key highlights



Outstanding facilities

Teaching and training take place within the University of Bristol Dental Hospital, a centre for excellence providing routine and specialist clinical dental services for the South West.



Cutting-edge learning

80 per cent of our research was rated 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' (REF 2014).



Student satisfaction

90 per cent of surveyed BDS Dentistry students found the course intellectually stimulating and 92 per cent said they have applied what they've learned (NSS 2020).



Career progression

This course is accredited by the General Dental Council.

Why study dentistry at Bristol?

We have been educating dentists for over 100 years and produce exceptional dental professionals, giving you a firm foundation for your future career. Our course allows you to develop the clinical skills and confidence you need to provide high-quality patient care.

As a student dentist in Bristol, you will:

- prepare for clinical practice by following a path from the University campus into hospital and community-based placements.
- learn in the heart of the city at Bristol Dental School and Hospital.
- develop teamwork skills and gain vital insights into work in practice by training alongside Dental Care Professional students.
- hone your clinical skills using state-of-the-art equipment at South Bristol Community Hospital.
- have the option of intercalating for a year to follow a specific interest, engage with research and expand your career opportunities.

In year one, you will study the foundations of dentistry, culminating in a student-led conference. You will also participate in peer-work clinical sessions, underpinned by relevant health and social sciences teaching.

In your second year, you will practise dental skills in the laboratory and learn about common oral diseases to support your first adult patient treatments in the second term. Radiography

and paediatric clinical observations will expand your dental experience, and you will acquire understanding of broader aspects of human health and disease.

In year three, you will provide a broad range of general dental treatment for your patients. You will continue to study prevention and treatment of dental disease, restorative and paediatric dentistry, orthodontics, and oral surgery.

In years four and five, you will see patients across the disciplines, practising whole-patient care; you will observe expert clinicians working in their specialities in consultant clinics; and you can undertake a community project of your choice in Bristol or further afield.

Where you will study

In addition to attending on-campus teaching and clinical placements in Bristol Dental Hospital, you will spend time at South Bristol Community Hospital, Charlotte Keel Health Centre and other local hospitals, giving you experience of dental care across a variety of settings.

Gateway to Dentistry

This one-year course is targeted at UK students who have the potential to become dentists but do not meet the academic entry criteria to apply directly to the BDS Dentistry. To find out more, visit bristol.ac.uk/ug2021-dentistry.

Find out more

Entry requirements, course structure and units
bristol.ac.uk/ug2021-dentistry

'The facilities at the dental school are brilliant. We are exposed to clinical practice early on, and it is a great learning environment.'

Serena (BDS Dentistry)



Live and work in a diverse, welcoming environment. Bristol is a vibrant, multicultural city and the Bristol Dental School has been awarded a silver Athena SWAN award in recognition of its ongoing commitment to gender equality.

100%

Within six months of graduating, 100 per cent of our surveyed BDS Dentistry students were in work.

(latest DLHE data, 2016/17)

Benefit from the dental school's £15 million refurbishment of teaching and learning spaces.



Courses

BDS Dentistry

BDS Gateway to Dentistry

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