

A201 Bachelor of Dental Surgery 2019 Entry

There are 15 places available on this four year course that is delivered at the University of Liverpool. This course is only open to applicants from the UK and European Union.

Please note that this is the last admissions cycle we will be recruiting to the A201 BDS course. It will therefore not be possible for applicants to apply for deferred entry this year (i.e. for entry in September 2020).

Admissions procedures

Applications should be made through UCAS by 15th October 2018. Late applications will not be considered. It is the applicant's responsibility to complete the UCAS form fully and failure to do so will result in rejection. It is particularly important to enter all qualifications taken, including those failed. Factors that are assessed on an application form include:

- Academic attainments, to ensure that they meet the minimum entry criteria.
- Predicted grades for examinations/degrees still to be taken or awarded and only those applicants likely to achieve the entry criteria are invited for interview.
- The Personal Statement is assessed to ensure that the applicant has knowledge of and insight into the profession with emphasis on work experience/observation and evidence of a caring nature. Applicants must demonstrate motivation and commitment to a career in dentistry. Candidates are expected to show a range of skills and it is desirable on all dental programmes that candidates have completed a period of work experience/shadowing in a local dental practice or hospital and preferably in more than one establishment. Evidence of a caring attitude and awareness of the values embedded within the NHS constitution is also sought. The ability to write coherently is important. Further advice on personal statements is available on the UCAS website.
- References should be clearly supportive and preferably indicate that the applicant has the necessary attributes for the chosen career. An academic reference should be supplied whenever possible.
- Re-applications from candidates who have been unsuccessful following an interview for the A201 Graduate Entry BDS course will not be considered.

Academic qualifications

- A minimum of a 2:1 in a Biomedical Sciences or Healthcare related degree (obtained from an approved institution). Only the first full degree that the applicant is awarded is considered. Foundation degrees are not accepted. Those with a degree that is not classified should have achieved an overall grade of $\geq 70\%$ or have obtained relevant postgraduate qualifications.
The following are examples of acceptable degrees that may be considered:- Biomedical Sciences, Anatomy, Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy, Human Biology, Life Sciences, MBChB, Nursing, Orthoptics, Pharmacology, Pharmacy, Physiology, Physiotherapy and Veterinary Science.
- All applicants must demonstrate that their first degree satisfies the Learning Outcomes of Year 1. Applicants are therefore required to download, complete in full and return the Verification of Prior Learning document which can be found on the Dental School website (<http://www.liv.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/dental-surgery-bds-graduate-entry/overview>). All applicants are also required to submit a copy of their university transcript. The completed Verification of Prior Learning form and university transcript should be submitted via email to dental.enquiries@liverpool.ac.uk by 15th October 2018. Failure to provide this information will result in rejection.
- If an applicant has commenced a degree but not completed it full details of the circumstances for non-completion should be submitted to dental.enquiries@liverpool.ac.uk by 15th October 2018.
- A minimum of 3 A levels at grade ABB including Chemistry and Biology. The 3rd subject may be from the Arts or Sciences. General Studies, Critical Thinking and Vocational/Applied A levels are not accepted.
- A minimum of 7 GCSEs at grade B/grade 6 or above including Maths, English Language and a Science subject. Vocational/Applied GCSEs are not accepted. The GCSE requirements should be in place at the time of application. We are unable to consider pending grades at GCSE level.
- Distance learning qualifications are not accepted.

Candidates whose first language is not English

We require IELTS with no less than 7.0 in every component

European and International Qualifications

- The onus is on the applicant to demonstrate equivalence of International and European qualifications and we would expect achieved or predicted grades to be equivalent to our standard entry requirements.
- In addition to the information submitted as part of the UCAS application we would also expect applicants to send the following information to the Admissions Office via email (dental.enquiries@liverpool.ac.uk): a statement of comparability from NARIC (<https://www.naric.org.uk/naric/>) and a transcript of the qualification(s) in English.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to supply this information by 15th October 2018. Failure to provide this information will result in rejection.

UKCAT

All applicants are required to sit the UK Clinical Aptitude Test in the year of application. It is unlikely that we would consider an applicant that was placed in band 4 of the situational judgement part of the UKCAT.

Plagiarism

The University is notified by UCAS of any applications that are considered to be plagiarised. The Dental School will automatically reject such applications. Applicants may apply in another admissions cycle if they submit an application that UCAS does not deem to be plagiarised.

Extenuating Circumstances

Potential applicants who narrowly fail to meet our academic criteria because their education and/or examination performance was affected by significant extenuating circumstances may submit an application. They should send a full account of the circumstances and how their studies were affected, together with supporting documentation from their university, school, GP, hospital, etc. directly to dental.enquiries@liverpool.ac.uk. The case will be considered by the Dental School's Extenuating Circumstances Committee. As cases are reviewed on a case-by-case basis we are unable to guarantee that an applicant's extenuating circumstances will be accepted by the Panel. If the extenuating circumstances are accepted, the application will be progressed to the next stage of our Admissions process. All documentation will need to be submitted by the application deadline of 15th October 2018.

Applicants who have experienced significant extenuating circumstances between 15th January 2019 and 29th June 2019 that may have affected their studies should submit supporting documentation (as detailed above) by the 1st July 2019. Information received after this date will not be considered.

Interviews

Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs) are held in February and March. Applicants are required to produce the original copies of all completed qualifications listed on their UCAS forms. Failure to produce the required documentation at interview will be considered in our selection processes. Please note, letters from schools and exam boards will **NOT** be accepted.

Decisions and Feedback

All applicants will be notified of our decision by the end of March. Requests for feedback should be made in writing to dental.enquiries@liverpool.ac.uk before the end of May 2019. We will not respond to feedback requests after this date. We will endeavour to respond to requests as soon as is practicably possible.

Other department-specific information

- We use GCSE and A level grades, or equivalent, when shortlisting for interview so it is important to provide full details of these examinations and failure to do so will lead to rejection of the application.
- There should be evidence of recent academic endeavour i.e. in the last 5 years.
- Applicants who have not met their academic conditions but are seeking a remark may have their place deferred until the next academic year of entry. If the grade required is confirmed.
- We are unable to accept applications from individuals who are enrolled on another university course unless that course will be completed, and the results known, by the end of August prior to the start of the dental course.
- The School of Dentistry tries to accommodate students with disability or learning support needs, but it can only accept students who would be able to practise dentistry without detriment to patients. Students who have a disability that is likely to significantly affect their ability to practise dentistry, or who will need significant support to enable them to do so, are encouraged to discuss this informally with the Admissions Tutor at the School of Dentistry in the first instance. As far as possible, admissions procedures are kept separate from Fitness to Train assessments which are carried out by the University Occupational Health Department for all students entering the School.
- The School of Dentistry has an obligation to undertake health screening of all prospective dental students. Any offer of a place is conditional on completion of a health questionnaire and a satisfactory assessment of fitness to train from the University Occupational Health Service. This includes some obligatory immunisations and blood tests, in line with recommendations by the Department of Health.
- All potential students also need to undergo an enhanced DBS check before admittance to the programme.

<p>Applicants are advised to check the website for the latest information prior to application and throughout the admissions cycle.</p>
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