

PREPROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Preprofessional programs are available for students who plan to transfer to another institution for the completion of professional curricula in such fields as dentistry, forestry, law, librarianship, medicine, optometry, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy, theology, and veterinary medicine. Certain of these programs are described below. Students should consult an adviser and the catalog of the school of their choice. Students planning to complete a preprofessional program and degree at Fresno State College must complete a major offered at this college.

PREDENTAL

The minimum training for dentistry is a six-year course—the first two years (predental training) in a liberal arts college and the remaining four years (dental training) at a school of dentistry.

The minimum predental program required by accredited dental schools is one year each of English, inorganic chemistry, physics, and zoology; one semester of organic chemistry; and additional courses (usually elective in general education, but specified by some dental schools) to make a total of 60 units. Each science course must include laboratory.

The trend among dental schools is to require more than two years of predental training including a broad liberal arts background. Additional science courses recommended or required include a year course of organic chemistry instead of one semester, quantitative chemical analysis, elementary physical chemistry, other zoology courses, and in some cases a foreign language. Several schools require a bachelor's degree for entrance. The applicant is usually required to take the American Dental Association aptitude test and present evidence of physical fitness and good moral character. Many dental schools also require a personal interview and some administer additional tests. For other information, see the predental adviser and dental school catalogs.

PRELEGAL

Most fully accredited law schools require a bachelor's degree for admission. It is, therefore, advisable for students preparing for law to arrange a four-year program leading to a bachelor's degree. Law schools recommend a prelegal program which gives a broad cultural background; any baccalaureate major may be chosen from the college offerings (see list under *Degree Majors and Minors*). The prelegal student should choose the major most interesting to him. Law schools suggest courses, but not necessarily a major, in the following: written and oral English, American and English constitutional history, world history, accounting, elementary logic, mathematics, economics, political science, philosophy, science, and foreign language. For further information consult an adviser and law school catalogs.

PRELIBRARIANSHIP

Accredited graduate schools of librarianship require a bachelor's degree for admission. A major in any subject is acceptable. A reading knowledge of two modern foreign languages is a requirement for admission to most graduate schools of librarianship; this requirement is normally satisfied by the successful completion of one college year in each of the languages. Students considering librarianship as a career should consult the prelibrary program adviser in the Library.