

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, theology, and veterinary medicine. Certain of these programs are described below. Students planning to complete a preprofessional program and degree at Fresno State must complete a major offered at this college. They should include their preprofessional area plus their Fresno State major on all registration forms; for example, premedical-chemistry, premedical-biology, prelaw-history, prelaw-political science. They should consult an adviser and the catalog of the school of their choice.

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) for a total of 60 units. Each science course must include laboratory. The present trend among dental schools is to require more than two years of predental training including a broad liberal arts background. Since 1971, three years have been required by the University of California, San Francisco, and some other dental schools. Additional organic chemistry, quantitative chemical analysis, elementary physical chemistry, other zoology courses, and in some cases a foreign language are recommended or required. Several schools require a bachelor's degree for entrance. The American Dental Association aptitude test and evidence of physical fitness and good moral character are usually required. 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. Since a prelegal program providing a broad cultural background is recommended by the law schools, any baccalaureate major, depending on the student's interest, may be chosen from the college offerings (See *Degree Majors and Minors*). 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 at least one modern foreign language is a requirement for admission to most graduate schools of librarianship; this requirement is normally satisfied by the successful completion of two college years of the language. Students considering librarianship as a career should consult the prelibrary program adviser in the Library.

PREMEDICAL

A student interested in preparing for medical school may begin by declaring his intent at the time he applies for admission to Fresno State. To do this, it is necessary that he use a term such as premedical-sociology, premedical-zoology, premedical-chemistry or premedical-general on all application, admittance and registration papers. In case premedical-general is chosen, a specific subject major should be selected as soon as possible and not later than the sophomore year from the list of approved CSUF majors in the catalog. This part of the premedical program also constitutes the major that is required for a bachelor's degree. (See *Degree Programs, Majors, and Minors*.) Each premedical student will be assigned to a member of the premedical advisory committee who will assist him in planning his program of courses and will advise him concerning preparatory procedures for application to medical school.