COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND FACULTY

Course descriptions are grouped by department. Courses are numbered by year: first-year predoctoral courses in the 100s, second-year predoctoral courses in the 200s, and third-year predoctoral courses in the 300s. Graduate courses are similarly numbered by year: first-year graduate courses in the 400s, second-year graduate courses in the 500s, and third-year graduate courses in the 600s. Quarters during which a course is offered in the DDS and graduate orthodontics and endodontics programs are indicated in parentheses following the course descriptions. (For the sequence of courses in the IDS program, please see Distribution of Instruction). Units of credit are listed separately for clinical courses offered during second and third years, e.g. EN 259 Clinical Endodontics I (2 or 4 units). Otherwise the unit value is listed after the course title. More than a single unit value is reported when there is a difference in contact hours between DDS and IDS courses.

Beginning in the fourth quarter, DDS and IDS students must enroll in selective instruction each year which serves to extend basic knowledge and skills in a discipline. A listing of selective course offerings is distributed during the winter and spring quarters. Advanced topics and experiences in selected basic, clinical, and behavioral science disciplines are offered (10 to 40 hours per year, 0.1-1.0 units per course). If additional work is needed to reach competency in previously completed courses, supplemental instruction offering additional customized and intensive instruction in targeted didactic, laboratory, and clinical competencies will be offered by the faculty.

Units of Credit

One unit of credit is awarded for ten hours of lecture or seminar, twenty hours of laboratory or clinic, or thirty hours of independent study per term. In the predoctoral programs (DDS and IDS), students are assigned to comprehensive care clinics for approximately 500 hours during the second year and 1,000 hours during the third, in addition to specialty clinic rotations. Units of credit are assigned in the comprehensive care clinical disciplines in proportion to the amount of time students spend providing specific types of care for assigned patterns.

Full-time enrollment in the predoctoral programs at the School of Dentistry (DDS and IDS) is defined as 16 or more units per term. Full-time enrollment in the graduate residency programs in orthodontics and endodontics is defined as 20 or more units per term. For the graduate certificate programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, full-time enrollment is defined as 16 or more units per term.