



Preparing for Your First Advising Session

Science in the Evening (SIE) provides individual advising for its students. Newly admitted SIE students are required to either attend an *Advising-Information Session* or schedule an advising appointment before registering for SIE courses. Enrolled SIE students may also schedule an advising appointment as necessary. To make your advising appointment efficient, carefully review the SIE website before scheduling an advising appointment. Answers to commonly asked questions can be found at <https://sie.umd.edu>.

What is covered during the *Advising-Information Session* and when are they held?

Advising-Information Sessions are held several times a year to introduce prospective and admitted students to the program. Upcoming *Advising-Information Sessions* are posted on the SIE website, including the power point presentations used during these sessions. These power points contain detailed information about SIE. Be sure to review the power point before attending an information session.

What courses are offered and at what times?

All UMD courses, including SIE can be viewed on Testudo via the online Schedule of Classes at <https://testudo.umd.edu>. Courses are listed by semester/year. SIE course sections are indicated with SEF* (fall) or SES* (spring) section codes and begin at either 6:00 pm or 6:30 pm. Classes are scheduled on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. No classes are held on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays.

What are the requirements for SIE admission?

1. Completed an undergraduate bachelor's degree
2. Undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or higher
3. Complete set of original transcripts

Qualified students receive provisional admission and are required to complete the Math Placement Test (MPT) and mandatory academic advising. All science courses at UMD require students to have the math eligibility to enroll in a calculus level course, which can be indicated with MPT scores. For information about provisional admission requirements, including the MPT and mandatory advising, visit the [SIE Application Information](#) website page.

How long does the program take? How many courses will I take during one semester?

The number of courses taken each semester will depend on the course you need to take to reach your goals. The SIE website includes recommended preparation schedules for medical and dental school applications, as well as information for a variety of health-related professional schools. Visit [Professional Schools](#) for more information.

How large are SIE courses?

SIE evening sections are smaller than daytime sections; SIE lecture sessions generally have 20 to 40 enrolled students. Small discussions and state-of-the-art lab sections ensure interactive instruction.

How successful are SIE students at gaining admission to professional schools?

SIE offers post-baccalaureate students the same high quality UMD science courses as degree-seeking undergraduate student. These courses provide excellent preparation for success in taking entrance exams and gaining admission to professional schools. Success in gaining admission to the school of your choice depends on your performance. Consult the professional organization website for your field to find out more about the characteristics of successful candidates.

- Medical school: www.aamc.org
- Dental School: www.adea.org

Does SIE provide application support and a committee letter process?

The *Reed-Yorke Health Professions Advising Office* (HPAO) has a comprehensive process for preparing students for the application cycle. Contact HPAO no later than January of the year you will apply to medical or dental school to initiate the process. SIE students planning to utilize the HPAO credentials process and seek a committee letter for their application must have 24 science credits at UMD and a 3.0 GPA in courses at UMD. For complete information, visit www.prehealth.umd.edu.