

MSc Courses at Kuwait University

The Faculty of Dentistry at Kuwait University is in the process of gaining approval for three MSc courses:

- ✚ Dental Materials Science
- ✚ Oral Function
- ✚ Oral Microbiology

These are planned to provide a solid foundation for research in the respective fields, as a prelude to PhD studies, there being a substantial laboratory component in each. These will be two-year courses, with a monthly stipend, and no fees to pay. The number of places available is limited, and entry will be competitive.

In order to provide support for this proposal, and to gauge the strength of international interest, we should like to know whether any appropriate persons would be interested in joining such a course. These courses are open for both Kuwaiti and Non-Kuwaiti graduates. This would not be a formal application at this stage. We look forward to hearing from potential candidates within a couple of weeks or so.

MSc Dental Materials Science

The Dental Materials Science course will be taught primarily by Prof. Brian W Darvell, whose textbook (Materials Science for Dentistry, Woodhead, 2009) will form the basis. It is aimed at both researchers (whether academic or commercial) and teachers.

The primary entry requirement will be a minimum GPA of 3 (out of 4) with a Bachelors Degree in a relevant field e.g. Chemistry, Engineering, Dentistry etc.

For more information on the course contact:

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MSc Oral Function

Oral Function will be taught by Prof. Peter W Lucas and other staff. The course aims to provide a fundamental interface between biologists, food scientists and clinicians *via* an integrated emphasis on oral function, and thus will invite applicants with a background in these fields.

The primary entry requirement will be a minimum GPA of 3 (out of 4) with a Bachelors Degree in a relevant field e.g. any biological subject or Food Science, Dentistry etc.

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MSc Oral Microbiology

Oral Microbiology will be taught principally by Prof. Sirkka Asikainen and other internationally-known researchers. The course will cover diversity and characteristics of microbiota in oral health and disease, host-microbe interplay, community life style and pathogenic mechanisms inducing dental diseases.

The primary entry requirement will be a minimum GPA of 3 (out of 4) with a Bachelors Degree in a relevant field e.g. Dentistry, Microbiology, Immunology etc.

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