Integrated Biology, MS

Admission

Individuals who wish to pursue graduate study in integrated biology may apply to the Master of Science with thesis program. The MS without thesis is an exit program and does not admit entering graduate students.

Application materials for the graduate program must be uploaded to the university's Office of Admissions website. These are reviewed by the Department of Biology Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Committee. For detailed instructions, visit Graduate Admissions Process on the integrated biology graduate program website.

Applicants must hold a valid BA or BS from an accredited institution. They must supply official transcripts from each undergraduate and graduate institution they have attended. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test is not required for admission, but if students wish to have their results considered they must include their verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing scores.

Applicants whose first language is not English must score at least 90 (internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or other English proficiency exams approved by the Graduate College; see English Proficiency Requirements on the graduate admissions website. Applicants should have their scores sent to the Office of Admissions. International applicants who received their degrees (either bachelor's or master's) from a U.S. institution are exempt from this requirement. All international students whose first language is not English are required to take the on-campus English Proficiency Evaluation before they first enroll in classes.

Successful applicants for graduate admission typically have a grade-point average of at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale). The admissions committee also considers letters of recommendation, the personal statement, and other appropriate criteria, especially prior research experience.

Although most applicants will have completed undergraduate programs in biology, the department also considers applicants with backgrounds in related sciences, providing they have taken the required coursework.

Students applying for admission to the MS with thesis program should have a bachelor's degree in one of the biological sciences. Students with bachelor's degrees in other areas may need to register as nondegree students and complete the equivalent of the department's bachelor's degree program prior to consideration for admission. Nondegree students must complete chemistry, physics, and calculus requirements in addition to the biology courses listed in the undergraduate program. Nondegree students should consult the department's graduate program administrator before applying for admission.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis prior to Jan. 1; visit the iBio Graduate Program website for updated deadline information.

Applicants must meet the minimum admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.