



ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Documents needed

- Application for Admission
- \$25 application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official acceptable GRE scores
- Military documents if applicable

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Unclassified Admission

Applicants who are in the process of completing their application for admission may be admitted on an unclassified status, which allows them to take up to nine hours of graduate coursework. Applicants must submit all documentation by the end of their first nine graduate semester hours.

Regular Admission

To be admitted, an applicant must have a bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5, the equivalent of a minor in biology, and meet the conditions of BOTH of the following formulae:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GPA} \times 100 + \text{GRE}(\text{verbal}) &> 600 \\ \text{GPA} \times 100 + \text{GRE}(\text{quantitative}) &> 600 \end{aligned}$$

Conditional Admission

An applicant *may* be granted conditional admission status if he/she does not meet the criteria for regular admission. In consultation with the department, the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies may grant conditional admission to a student. This decision is generally based on the cumulative GPA in undergraduate coursework, the GPA in either the last two years or the upper-division credits of the bachelor's degree and the total of the scores attained on the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE. Students admitted conditionally must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 during the first 12 graduate semester hours completed at APSU. Failure to maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA during the first 12 semester hours of graduate coursework results in suspension from the graduate program.

Denied Status

Applicants who do not meet the regular or conditional criteria for admission will be denied admission to the program.

Program of Study

Within the first nine credit hours, you must initiate a program of study by contacting your advisor or your department secretary.

Concentrations & Specializations (optional)

Biology with no concentration
Clinical Laboratory Science
 Management/Administration
 Microbiology
Radiologic Science