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Preliminary Requirements

The B.A. and B.S. programs require Bisc 160, 161, 162, and 163 as initial courses. The prerequisite for Bisc 160 is a minimum ACT mathematics score of 23 (SAT 590) or minimum grade of B in Math 123 (Trigonometry), Math 125 (Basic Math for Sci. and Eng), or Chem 101. These courses provide the foundation for subsequent work and are prerequisites for admission into advanced major courses.

A candidate for admission to the M.S. program in the Department of Biology must submit an application package consisting of a Graduate School application; departmental application; official scores for the GRE general test; official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate course work; and three letters of recommendation. International students must submit a TOEFL score that satisfies the Graduate School's minimum for admission. Acceptable results on the TSE or SPEAK tests of spoken English are required for international students to be eligible for a teaching assistantship. Candidates must (a) satisfy the Graduate School admission requirements, (b) have an undergraduate degree (B.A. or B.S.), (c) have a strong record of achievement in biology, chemistry, and mathematics. Admission is also contingent upon a faculty member agreeing to serve as dissertation adviser.

A candidate for admission to the Ph.D. program in the Department of Biology must submit the following: a Graduate School application; a departmental application; official scores for the GRE general test; official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate course work; and three letters of recommendation. International students must submit a TOEFL score that satisfies the Graduate School's minimum for admission. Acceptable results on the TSE or SPEAK tests of spoken English are required for international students to be eligible for a teaching assistantship. Candidates must (a) satisfy the Graduate School admission requirements, (b) have an undergraduate degree (B.A. or B.S.), (c) have a strong record of achievement in biology, chemistry, and mathematics. Admission is also contingent upon a faculty member agreeing to serve as dissertation adviser.

Students who do not meet all requirements for the M.S. program or the Ph.D. program may be admitted for a probationary period of 12 months, during which time the deficiencies, as well as the course requirements, must be completed with a minimum 3.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale. Remedial courses may not be counted toward degree requirements. New graduate applications will normally be reviewed once per year during March/April. The committee reserves the right to consider applicants outside the review period if a compelling reason is provided by the adviser.

