

### Admission requirements

In addition to minimum Office of Graduate Studies requirements; refer to the other side, admission in full standing requires the applicant meets the following graduate program requirements:

1. An undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 or better (4.00 scale) or an average of at least 3.25 during the last half (approximately 60 credits) of undergraduate work.
2. An official GRE (general exam) score, sent directly from ETS to the Office of Graduate Studies. The combined score on the verbal and quantitative sections must be 295 or higher.
3. Probationary admission will be considered for students not meeting the GPA or GRE score criteria.

Applicants are expected to have a bachelor's degree in biological or related science. Course deficiencies can be completed while enrolled in the master's program.

### For more information

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### Program

The Department of Biology offers a Master of Science in Biology with two curricular emphases: Biology or Microbiology. Within each emphasis, students may specialize in sub disciplines through coursework and thesis research. These two emphases are designed to provide the advanced training appropriate for professional competitiveness in public and private job sectors, or for preparing students to pursue a PhD. degree or other advanced degrees at another university.

### Degree requirements

The program is a 30-credit, thesis-track involving 24 credits of course work and 6 credits of thesis. Students are required to publically defend their written thesis, based on their original research.

### Graduate Assistantships in Biology

Graduate Assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis and are available to students that are in full academic standing. Approximately 13 hours of work per week is required. Graduate assistants receive a salary of approximately \$7,000, as well as fringe benefits. Graduate Assistantship salary funding is subject to change each academic year. Please check with the Graduate Studies Office for current compensation and benefits rates.

**About the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh**

- UW Oshkosh is the third largest of the 13 state-supported universities comprising the University of Wisconsin System.
- The university enrolls about 1,200 graduate students as part of a total student body of about 13,500.
- UW Oshkosh is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).
- With a population of more than 65,000, the city of Oshkosh is consistently ranked among the top small cities in the nation.

**Graduate program faculty and services**

- Graduate faculty hold doctorates and/or other terminal degrees and professional credentials in their respective fields.
- Outstanding student services, research equipment/facilities, and library resources provide an ideal environment for graduate programs.

**Financial assistance**

- Graduate assistantships are available to eligible students each year.
- The Advanced Opportunity Program offers funds to students of color and non-minority economically disadvantaged students.
- Scholarships may be available through some colleges and graduate departments.
- Loans and student employment are available through the Office of Financial Aid.
- International students are eligible to apply for both graduate assistantships and State-of-Wisconsin nonresident partial tuition remissions.

**Non-degree-seeking students**

- Persons with a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution may take coursework as a graduate special student for professional advancement or enrichment without applying or gaining admission to a degree program.
- Enrollment in courses for non-degree-seeking students is subject to availability and/or approval.

**Minimum Graduate Studies admission requirements**

Admission in full standing to a program requires the applicant to meet the minimum requirements listed below:

- a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution;
- an undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 (4.00 scale) or at least 2.90 during the last half (approximately 60 credits) of undergraduate work;
- submission of *official* transcripts of all collegiate work;
- submission of a completed on-line application and payment of a non-refundable \$56 application fee.

Most programs have additional admission requirements such as letters of recommendation, standardized test scores, written personal statements and other portfolio items. Refer to [www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies](http://www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies), the program website, or contact the Graduate Studies Office for more information.

**NOTE:** International student admission requirements differ from U.S. citizens. Contact the Graduate Studies Office for more information.

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