

FORENSIC SCIENCE

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

The Master of Professional Studies degree in Forensic Science is appropriate for students with a baccalaureate degree in the biological sciences, chemistry, or a related field of study. Applicants are required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) in their undergraduate degree. Submission of GRE scores is optional. In addition, each applicant is asked to provide a personal statement describing professional interests and career goals and two letters of reference. Letters of reference should be submitted by the student's undergraduate adviser, research adviser, an instructor for an upper level course taken as part of their major, internship supervisor, or employer (only if the applicant was employed in a position related to forensic science or a relevant natural/physical science). Individuals providing letters of reference will also be required to complete a subjective evaluation of the applicant. Official transcripts from each institution of higher education attended as an undergraduate or graduate student must be submitted. Applicants may be selected for interview by members of the forensic science faculty. Admission to the program is based upon a thorough review of all applicant qualifications.

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.