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/).

Students with a 3.00 junior/senior average (on a 4.00 scale) and with appropriate course backgrounds will be considered for admission. The best-qualified applicants will be accepted up to the number of spaces that are available for new students. Exceptions to the minimum 3.00 grade-point average may be made at the discretion of the program for students with special backgrounds, abilities, and interests. Deficiencies in chemistry, biological science, mathematics (through a second course in calculus), and physics must be made up early in the student’s graduate program. The majority of students are admitted directly into the Ph.D. program. GRE scores are not required for admission.