PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES, M.S.

The Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences (https://pharmacy.wisc.edu/psd) does not currently accept applications for a terminal master's in pharmaceutical sciences. This master's program is offered for work leading to the Ph.D. Students may not apply directly for the master's, and should instead see the information about the Ph.D (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/pharmacy-school-wide/pharmaceutical-sciences-phd).

ADMISSIONS

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FUNDING

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (https://grad.wisc.edu/funding) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and processes related to funding.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Financial support is provided to all graduate students in pharmaceutical sciences through a combined mechanism of fellowships, teaching assistantships, research assistantships, and project assistantships. Funding packages for first-year students in the Ph.D. program are provided by the School of Pharmacy and consist of a mixture of fellowships and/or teaching assistant support. In addition, first-year students earn $1500 in flexible funds to aid in the transition to Madison. After the first academic year, students are supported by their thesis advisor through research assistantship or teaching assistantship appointments. All students receive a stipend (the recommended minimum level for students in the division is $24,000 for 2015–16), full tuition remission (waiver), and reasonably priced, comprehensive health insurance for the duration of their Ph.D. studies, if they retain good academic standing and a faculty advisor.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

Evening/Weekend: These programs are offered in an evening and/or weekend format to accommodate working schedules. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses and personal connections, while keeping your day job. For more information about the meeting schedule of a specific program, contact the program.

Online: These programs are offered primarily online. Many available online programs can be completed almost entirely online with all online programs offering at least 50 percent or more of the program work online. Some online programs have an on-campus component that is often designed to accommodate working schedules.

Take advantage of the convenience of online learning while participating in a rich, interactive learning environment. For more information about the online nature of a specific program, contact the program.

Hybrid: These programs have innovative curricula that combine on-campus and online formats. Most hybrid programs are completed on-campus with a partial or completely online semester. For more information about the hybrid schedule of a specific program, contact the program.

Accelerated: These on-campus programs are offered in an accelerated format that allows you to complete your program in a condensed time-frame. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses with minimal disruption to your career. For more information about the accelerated nature of a specific program, contact the program.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

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<th>Minimum Credit Requirement</th>
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<td>Minimum Residence Credit Credit Requirement</td>
<td>16 credits</td>
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<td>Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement</td>
<td>Half of degree coursework (15 credits out of 30 total credits) must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university's Course Guide (<a href="https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/">https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/</a>).</td>
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<td>Overall Graduate GPA Requirement</td>
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<td>Other Grade Requirements</td>
<td>Candidates will be dropped from the program if they receive more than 7 credits of grades at the BC level or lower. This applies to formal courses and research credits.</td>
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<td>Assessments and Examinations</td>
<td>The program expects the M.S. candidate to engage in a research project of a scope appropriate to the time devoted to earning the degree. The results of the research must be described in an M.S. thesis. The thesis must be both presented and defended before the student's M.S. thesis committee.</td>
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### REQUIRED COURSES

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<th>Code</th>
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<td>PHM SCI 780</td>
<td>Principles of Pharmaceutical Sciences</td>
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Select at least two of the following core courses:

- PHM SCI 768 Pharmacokinetics
- PHM SCI 786 Natural Product Synthesis, Biosynthesis and Drug Discovery
- BIOCHEM/PHMCOL-M/ZOOLOGY 630 Cellular Signal Transduction Mechanisms

Research ethics/responsible conduct of research course 1

At least one additional graduate course in pharmaceutical sciences or in a field related to one’s research (field choice is at the discretion of the thesis advisor) 3

Complete a Research course (PHM SCI 718-PHM SCI 990) 1-12

**Total Credits** 10-21

Thesis advisors have the option to require additional courses beyond the minimum requirements listed above.

### POLICIES

#### GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

#### MAJOR-SPECIFIC POLICIES

**GRADUATE PROGRAM HANDBOOK**

The Graduate Program Handbook (https://pharmacy.wisc.edu/graduate-handbook-pharmaceutical-sciences) is the repository for all of the program's policies and requirements.

#### PRIOR COURSEWORK

**Graduate Work from Other Institutions**

With program approval, students are allowed to count no more than 9 credits of graduate coursework from other institutions (the student must have graduate student status on the other institution's transcript at the time the courses were taken). coursework should be presented to the SoP graduate dean in the first semester of enrollment for consideration. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a master's degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**UW–Madison Undergraduate**

With program approval, students are allowed to count no more than 7 credits of UW–Madison courses numbered 500 or above (earned as a UW–Madison undergraduate) toward the M.S. degree. Coursework should be presented to the SoP graduate dean in the first semester of enrollment for consideration. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a master's degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**UW–Madison University Special**

With program approval, students are allowed to count no more than 9 credits of coursework numbered 500 or above taken as a UW–Madison special student. coursework should be presented to the SoP graduate dean in the first semester of enrollment for consideration. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a master’s degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**PROBATION**

The Graduate School regularly reviews the record of any student who earned grades of BC, C, D, F, or Incomplete in a graduate course (300 or above), or grade of U in research credits. This review could result in academic probaton with a hold on future enrollment or in being suspended from the Graduate School.

1. Good standing (progressing according to standards; any funding guarantee remains in place).
2. Probation (not progressing according to standards but permitted to enroll; loss of funding guarantee; specific plan with dates and deadlines in place in regard to removal of probationary status).
3. Unsatisfactory progress (not progressing according to standards; not permitted to enroll, dismissal, leave of absence or change of advisor or program).

**ADVISOR / COMMITTEE**

Students are required to maintain a pharmaceutical sciences faculty member as an M.S. advisor through the duration of their studies. Typically a permanent advisor is found by the end of one's first semester.

An M.S. thesis committee in the Pharmaceutical Sciences Division (PSD) consists of at least three graduate faculty members of the PSD (one of whom is the student's thesis advisor).

**CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED**

15 credits

**TIME CONSTRAINTS**

Master’s degree students who have been absent for five or more consecutive years lose all credits that they have earned before their absence; that coursework may not count toward Graduate School credit requirements.

**OTHER**

First-year students are typically offered fellowships and School of Pharmacy teaching assistantships in their initial two semesters. Funding as research assistants is assumed by the student’s principal investigator/thesis advisor in the first summer.
Subsequently (year 2 and beyond), students are funded by RA-ships, TA-ships and via other extramural funding (fellowship) support.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES
Take advantage of the Graduate School’s professional development resources (https://grad.wisc.edu/pd) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate critical knowledge and in-depth understanding of principles in the student’s area of expertise.

2. Identify important research questions, formulate testable hypotheses, and design experiments to test those hypotheses.

3. Conduct original research that contributes to the student’s field of study.

4. Communicate scientific knowledge and research results effectively to a range of audiences.

5. Demonstrates breadth within their learning experiences.

6. Advances contributions of the field of study to society.

7. Apply ethical principles in conducting scientific research.