ANIMAL SCIENCES, MS

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The Animal Sciences MS no longer admits new students after Summer 2026 and the program will be discontinued Fall 2029.

Students interested in the Animal Sciences, MS may want to consider the Animal and Dairy Sciences, MS (https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/animal-dairy-sciences/animal-dairy-sciences-ms/). This new program replaces the Animal Sciences, MS. If you have any questions, please contact the department.

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. ***Applicants must meet* the minimum requirements *(*https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/*) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).*** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	May 1 for international applicants; August 1 for domestic applicants
Spring Deadline	October 1 for international applicants; December 1 for domestic applicants
Summer Deadline	March 1 for international applicants; May 1 for domestic applicants
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required but may be considered if available.
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

Students with satisfactory undergraduate training in any biological science including emphasis on basic science courses will have suitable backgrounds for graduate studies in Animal Sciences. Typically, students admitted to the program have a GPA of 3.2 or higher. Candidates with a lower GPA may be considered for admission under special circumstances.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE PROGRAM

1. Personal statement/reasons for graduate study: see website. (https://grad.wisc.edu/prospective/prepare/statement/)
2. Three letters of recommendation
   a. The process for letters of recommendation is outlined on this website (https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/faq/#rec). Letters should be from faculty who are familiar with your academic abilities and goals. Letters from supervisors that provide a character reference are also acceptable. The letters of recommendation should be submitted with the online application.
3. Transcripts or academic records from each institution attended. These need to be uploaded with the electronic application. Original official transcripts will be required by the Graduate School if a department recommends an applicant for admission.

The Graduate School Checklist outlines what you must include in your electronic application—see website. (https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/process/)

International students should apply as early as possible. If you are admitted, extra time will be needed to process visa documents.

Faculty Review of Completed Applications

It is recommended that applicants contact departmental faculty directly to determine openings in the lab and an interest in their area of research. Students are admitted to the program if a faculty member agrees to accept the candidate into their research group and to provide laboratory/desk space and research support, and upon the approval of the Graduate School. The faculty member also decides whether to offer an assistantship to the candidate. If a faculty member is interested in a completed application, the applicant will be contacted by them personally.

If a faculty member is interested in accepting an applicant, a recommendation for admission will be sent to the Graduate School. The Graduate School will make the final determination for admission. Graduate faculty can recommend domestic applicants up until two weeks prior to the start of the semester and recommend international applications up until 11 weeks prior to the start of the semester.