

FOOD SCIENCE, PH.D.

ADMISSIONS

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	January 15
Spring Deadline	September 1
Summer Deadline	This program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

Students who are admitted to the program must meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>), including completion of a bachelor's degree which typically consists of a satisfactory undergraduate education in fields such as food science, dairy science, chemistry, most biological sciences (e.g., biochemistry, microbiology, nutrition), and engineering (especially chemical and agricultural). To enter the program, students must have taken at least one course in biochemistry (examples include BIOCHEM 501 or BIOCHEM/NUTR SCI 510) and one course in organic chemistry (examples include CHEM 341, CHEM 343, or CHEM 345).

Requirements Detail

English Proficiency Test	TOEFL: 92 IELTS: 7.0 MELAB: 82 (only one English test needs to be taken)
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Recommendation for admission is determined almost solely by the faculty member food science or affiliated faculty member (<https://foodsci.wisc.edu/faculty.php>). Final admission is determined by the Graduate School.

The recommendation for admission is made usually based on the review of the following:

- applicant's online application (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/process/>)
- academic record (scanned PDF academic transcripts)
- official test scores (sent directly from the testing agency (code: 1846)) of English proficiency test (non-native English speaking applicants (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>) only)
- recommendation letters (three)
- personal statement (reasons for graduate study) up to two pages double-spaced
- CV or resume
- applicant's particular research interest(s) as indicated in supplemental application
- available funding/space in their research lab

After the application is submitted, applicants should contact faculty (<https://foodsci.wisc.edu/faculty.php>) members directly (via email) to discuss research opportunities in their labs. Some dialogue can be exchanged in advance. However, like virtually all institutions that support graduate studies, one must submit a formal application to UW-Madison before being considered for admission. The Food Science Department cannot take any action regarding admission until the application is complete. We do not pre-screen applications, nor do we provide an informal assessment of qualifications based on volunteered documents from individuals prior to application.

Students interested in applying for the food science program should look closely at the website (http://www.foodsci.wisc.edu/grad_apply.php) for specific information about the admissions process.