

HUMAN ECOLOGY: DESIGN STUDIES, 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	December 1
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The 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

Applications are accepted once per year for fall admission and are due by December 1 of the preceding year. Admission to the Ph.D. program is highly competitive. The Ph.D. builds on knowledge acquired typically through a master's degree and provides students with further training to teach and conduct research at the highest level. Competitive candidates will hold a master's degree (M.S. preferred) in design, architectural history, environmental design, or other related fields. Promising applicants who do not have sufficient educational background may be admitted, under the condition that he or she take pre-doctoral preparation courses.

To be considered for admission to the Design Studies (DS) Ph.D. option in Human Ecology, the department requires the following materials:

- Online application (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>) indicating "Human Ecology PHD-Design Studies" as your program selection
- \$75 application fee
- Curriculum vitae/resume
- Unofficial transcripts or academic records from each institution attended (official transcripts will be required for students who receive an admission offer)
- Official Graduate Record Exam scores (GRE Institution code #1846)
- International students only:

- Official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or Melab scores
- International students who hold degrees from U.S. institutions do not need to submit language test scores
- Three letters of recommendation (submitted electronically through your Graduate School application)
- Uploaded Statement of Purpose/Reasons for Graduate Study
- Upload a writing sample
 - Examples of writing samples include prior scholarly work such as term papers, theses, or published articles. All writing samples must be written in English and uploaded to the online application system as a PDF.
- Personal bio statement
 - Describe concisely how your personal background and life experiences motivated you to further pursue graduate education. The personal biographical statement is not a statement of purpose that describes your academic plan. This statement should be no more than 500 words and should be uploaded to the online application system as a PDF.

Additional information is available on the program website (<https://sohe.wisc.edu/graduate-students/research-and-creative-scholarship/design-studies/>).