

PRE-PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S NON-THESIS DEGREE IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Students enrolled in the Master's Non-Thesis Pre-Professional program have the chance to take graduate level science courses to improve their credentials before applying to dental, medical, optometry, physician assistant, veterinary, and other health professions programs.

Includes 30 hours of graded graduate-level course work in Biological Sciences related fields with high flexibility (6000-7000 level)

Students typically complete the program within 2 to 3 semesters

Designed to help applicants applying to dental, medical, optometry, veterinary medicine and other professional programs improve their credentials

Tailored to meet your needs based on background, interests and strengths

Assistance from Auburn's Pre-Health Director with shadowing opportunities, admissions test preparation, course selection and the application process

Access to PPAC (Pre-Professional Advisory Committee) for competitive dental, medical and optometry school applicants

Capped enrollment at twenty students encourages development of a close support network with fellow graduate students and faculty

Students applying for the MS-NT Pre-Professional program are not required to have faculty sponsorship

Competitive PPAC applicants have an acceptance rate at about 30% above the national average

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Application Deadline: *June 1st*

Visit the AU Graduate School's webpage to access the student application portal and instructions

Please note that GRE scores are no longer an application requirement for the Department of Biological Sciences. Any scores submitted will not be reviewed or taken into consideration for admission decisions.



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Admission Requirements

- GPA of at least a 3.0 or higher
- Required undergraduate courses: Genetics, Calculus, Organic Chemistry and Physics (will accept a C or higher for 3 out of 4 of the course options listed)
- Required documents: Letter of Intent, Curriculum Vitae, 3 letters of recommendation, official transcripts
- TOEFL or IELTS scores (international students only)

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Application Instructions

1. Create an account and complete the online application at the following link:
graduate.auburn.edu/prospective-students/application-instructions
2. Mail your official transcripts to the following address:
The Graduate School
106 Hargis Hall
Auburn University, AL 36849-5122

Official electronic transcripts from domestic institutions (non-international) may be sent to graduatetranscripts@auburn.edu

The Graduate School will accept unofficial transcripts to serve as a placeholder until your official transcripts are received. However, you will not be eligible to register or accept your enrollment offer until the Graduate School receives your official transcripts.
3. Submit your IELTS or TOEFL scores to the Graduate School if you are an international applicant (school code: 1005)
4. Invite 3 references to submit their letters of recommendation within the online application system
5. Upload your Curriculum Vitae and Letter of Intent by using the document upload section of the application

Additional information can be found at :

graduate.auburn.edu/prospective-students/general-admission-requirements/

Admission FAQs:

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LETTER OF INTENT

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Letter Overview:

This letter/statement will be used to rank your application for admission to our department so please include the necessary information that will improve our understanding of your motivations, interests and skills that are not obvious from your grades alone.

Your letter should provide information on:

1. The research area that you are interested in pursuing.
2. The prospective mentor you would like to work with (and whether you have been in contact with them).
3. What aspects of the potential mentor(s) research approaches used are most appealing?
4. What are your short-term and long-term career goals?
5. How will the acquisition of this degree serve to advance you towards your professional goals?
6. Outline and expand on any relevant research experiences you have.
7. Outline and expand where necessary any future career goals that would be specifically served by attending Auburn University.

Finally, while a Letter of Intent is an important instrument, it is still a personal statement of interest and can appropriately contain any information that the applicant feels is unique or important about their academic or research experience.

This document should be restricted to 1-2 pages and uploaded directly through the AU Graduate School's online application system.



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