

Requirements for Admission

The Department of Animal and Food Sciences has three graduate degree offerings: The Master of Science (M.S.) in Animal Sciences, the Master of Science (M.S.) in Food Sciences and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Animal and Food Sciences. A combination of criteria is used in evaluating candidates for admission to graduate study in animal and food sciences.

Criteria for Admission

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score,
- Undergraduate grade-point average,
- Letters of recommendation,
- Professional experience and training, and
- in some cases, information gained from a personal interview.

The minimum admission requirements are 1075 GRE (total of quantitative and verbal scores using the pre-9-1-2011 GRE test), or 155 (Quantitative) and 145 (Verbal) using the new GRE. In addition, students are required to have an undergraduate GPA of 2.75. These are not strict requirements, but are guidelines taken into consideration by the Graduate Committee.

Foreign students must demonstrate competence in the English language having a minimum Test of English Fluency (TOEFL) score of 575 (paper-based), 90 (internet-based), 230 (computer-based) or greater and provide evidence of sufficient financial support for the course of the degree program. Foreign students wishing to be considered for a teaching assistantship must have a TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based), 100 (internet-based), 250 (computer-based) or greater.

Those who meet these requirements are not guaranteed admission, nor are those who fail to meet the requirements necessarily precluded from admission, if they offer other appropriate strengths. Undergraduate research experience is looked on very favorably. An applicant for graduate study in Animal and Food Sciences must have an appropriate background. Preparation for most areas of study should include general and organic chemistry, biology/microbiology, biochemistry, physics, and calculus. Applicants lacking preparatory course work will be required to complete the appropriate course(s) prior to admission.

For more information regarding the criteria for admission please refer to the graduate office website at <http://www.udel.edu/gradoffice/>.