

# PhD in Oral Sciences

## Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. Transcripts of all undergraduate and postbaccalaureate work must be submitted. In addition to Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field:** BS/BA in relevant field of science; and/or DDS/DMD or equivalent professional degree, per Program Director.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate and all postgraduate study.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  - **TOEFL** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Test); 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (revised Paper-Delivered Test), **OR**,
  - **IELTS** 6.5, with subscores of 6.0 for all four subscores, **OR**,
  - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required from faculty members or others familiar with the applicant's previous academic training, academic and research potential, and research experience. The letters should be sent directly to the director of graduate studies.
- **Personal Statement** Required. The personal statement should be sent directly to the director of graduate studies. The statement must address the applicant's area of interest, research experience, and professional goals.

A minimum of at least two didactic courses comprising at least 8 additional hours of College of Dentistry/Oral Science content at the 500 level. Options include: OSCI 504; OSCI 534, OSCI 544, OSCI 561, OSCI 562, OSCI 563, OSCI 564, OSCI 594. 500-level post-graduate didactic courses (e.g., ORTD 524, ORTD 513) may be substituted with permission of the thesis advisor and the course instructor. OSCI 560 and OSCI 595 are not eligible to be counted towards this requirement.

OSCI 583	Research Laboratory Rotation (students will complete up to three laboratory rotations)
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Continual registration in OSCI 595

a See the [UIC Research website](#) for instructions.

## Other Requirements

- **Preliminary Examination** Required; written grant proposal and oral defense.
- **Dissertation** Required, including oral defense. Students must earn a minimum of 48 semester hours in OSCI 599.

## Degree Requirements

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 96 (including research).  
A specific requirement may be waived by the Graduate Studies Committee for any course if proficiency is demonstrated.
- **Course Work**

Code	Title	Hours
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### Required Core Courses

GEMS 521	Foundations of Biomedical Sciences I	
GEMS 504	Research Methods I	
GEMS 505	Research Methods II	
GC 470	Essentials for Animal Research (if a student does not conduct animal research, may be waived with approval of thesis advisor)	
GC 501	Scientific Integrity and Responsible Research	
Investigator 101 or CITI online course <sup>a</sup>		

### Additional Requirements

One Statistics/Biostatistics course (OSCI 560 preferred; other options include BSTT 400 or similar)

Oral Science/Dentistry: