# MS in Bioinformatics

## Admission Requirements
Applicants are considered on an individual basis. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field** Physical sciences, engineering, computer science, mathematics, or biology. Students from other areas are also encouraged to apply if their backgrounds indicate a reasonable chance of success in the program.

- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study.

- **Tests Required** GRE General, quantitative reasoning percentile rank above 50%.

- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  - TOEFL 550 (paper-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Internet-based), 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.

- **Personal Statement** Required.

## Degree Requirements
In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 36.

- **Course Work** At least 28 hours (with thesis) or 36 hours (course work only). At least 12 hours must be at the 500-level, excluding BIOE 595 and BIOE 598. Limited credit hours in BIOE 596 are allowed upon departmental approval.

## Required Courses

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<td>BIOE 595</td>
<td>Seminar on Bioengineering (1 hour)</td>
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Additional required courses vary by area; contact the department or program for the specific courses offered.

- **Comprehensive Examination** None.

- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Thesis or course work only. No other options are available.
  - **Thesis:** Students must earn at least 8 hours in BIOE 598.
  - **Course Work Only:** Students must earn 36 hours from course work only as described in Course Work heading above, with the addition that 16 of the 36 hours must be BIOE course offerings at the 500-level.

- **Other Requirements** Each student must present at least one seminar prior to graduation.