
Admission Procedures and Policies

What are the Requirements for Admission?

Applicants into the graduate degree program may be admitted on a regular, provisional, or non-degree status. The requirements for each are listed below.

Admission Requirements for Regular Admission

- 1. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, based upon the courses taken during the last two academic years.**
- 2. M.S. program – completion of bachelor of science or arts degree.**
- 3. Ph.D. program – completion of master of science program or its equivalent.**
- 4. Specific course requirements:**
 - 10 semester hours in plant and/or soil sciences, including plant physiology; and one introductory course in horticulture**
 - College algebra and trigonometry (This mathematics requirement can generally be met by completing approximately 50 contact hours of course work in college algebra and trigonometry taught as single or combined courses. One course in college calculus will also satisfy the requirement);**
 - One college level course in organic chemistry.**
- 5. Willingness of a faculty member to serve as major professor.**
- 6. Scores for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) for verbal, quantitative, and analytical sections.**
- 7. International students must also have a minimum TOEFL score of 580 with no subscores below 55.**

Admission on a Provisional Status

A few other non-degree options also exist as noted on the following pages. Exceptions must be approved by the Departmental Graduate Programs Committee.

Provisional status indicates that the student lacks certain courses or other requirements considered essential and/or GRE scores are not yet available.

A provisional student should need no more than eight credits of such courses to make up deficiencies listed for regular admission; students needing more than eight credits may be required to complete a second B.S. degree in horticulture.

Essential courses will be taken as collateral and will not apply toward the minimum number of credits required for the degree. Collateral courses will be specified at the time of admission and may include other courses identified by the major professor. A passing grade (2.0) must be earned in collateral courses.

The major professor may petition the Graduate Programs Committee for a waiver of the GRE requirement under extreme circumstances.

International Students require a TOEFL score of 580 with minimum subscores of 55. Provisional admission status will continue until the required minimum competence (580) is attained. Provisionally admitted students must take classes at the English Language Center, and restrictions are placed on the number of academic courses they may take. The English language deficiency must be corrected within two consecutive semesters. The official report must be received by the English Language Center directly from the Educational Testing Service.

Students admitted in a provisional status may hold graduate assistantships.