PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE
MASTER’S

for the Graduate Concentration in Professional Science Master’s

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Graduate Degree Program

The concentration in Professional Science Master’s (PSM) provides
masters students with a unique learning experience by combining
traditional science, technology, or mathematics disciplines with an
integrated professional curriculum focusing on core business knowledge
and skills. Traditional depth in the disciplinary field coupled with
business-related workplace skills and internship experience prepares
graduates for careers in business, government, and not-for-profits.
Programs are full-time, non-thesis, cohort-based and are designed to be
completed in 16 months.

The Professional Science Master’s concentration is available in:

Agricultural Production, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/
aces/agricultural-production-ms-professional-science-masters)
Bioprocessing & Bioenergy, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
graduate/aces/bioprocessing-bioenergy-ms-professional-science-
masters)
Food Science & Human Nutrition, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
graduate/aces/food-science-human-nutrition-ms)
Geography: Geographic Information Science, MS (http://
catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/geography-ms/geographic-
information-science-professional-science-masters)
Plant Biotechnology, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces/
plant-biotechnology-ms-professional-science-masters)
Technical Systems Management, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
graduate/aces/technical-systems-management-ms-professional-
science-masters)

Admission

Candidates for admission to the concentration and associated Illinois
M.S. degree must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
equivalent to those from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Minimum requirements include a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (A
= 4.0) for the last 60 hours of undergraduate work and for any graduate
study. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are required of all
applicants. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores vary by
program. Admission to one of the eligible degree programs listed above
is required, and their admission requirements vary by program and may
be more rigorous than the minimums presented here. Transfer credit may
not be applied to this program due to the cohort nature of this program.

Financial Aid

Financial assistance in the form of full or partial waiver of tuition and
fees – is rarely available to Illinois PSM students (except for statutory
waivers). Departments providing assistance that includes waivers
must pay Illinois PSM tuition and fees on students’ behalf. Illinois PSM
students may be eligible for student loans.

Specific requirements vary by major degree program, but all programs
require a minimum total of 42 graduate hours of work in three areas:
- a scientific discipline (may include related interdisciplinary fields),
- business, and an internship.

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