

# BIOLOGY, MS

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for the degree of Master of Science in Biology

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Students pursuing this major select the Ecology, Ethology, and Evolution concentration (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/biology-ms/ecology-ethology-evolution/>).

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## Graduate Degree Programs in Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior

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**required concentration:**

Biology: Ecology, Ethology, & Evolution, MS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/biology-ms/ecology-ethology-evolution/>)

Biology, PhD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/biology-phd/>)

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Biology: Ecology, Ethology, & Evolution, PhD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/biology-phd/ecology-ethology-evolution/>)

The Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior administers graduate degree programs as concentrations in biology. Areas of training include the broadly defined disciplines of Animal Behavior, Biomechanics, Comparative Anatomy, Conservation Biology, Ecology, Evolution, Genetics/Genomics and Physiology.

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## Admission

Acceptance for graduate study in animal biology is based on the applicant's research potential and academic achievement. An undergraduate degree in the life sciences is the usual preparation, but students majoring in mathematics, computer science, or the physical and social sciences are also considered. Courses required for admission are inorganic and organic chemistry, a year of physics, and mathematics through calculus. Students lacking one or more of these courses may be admitted with the provision that such deficiencies be completed in addition to the normal graduate course load. A grade point average of at least 3.0 (A = 4.0) for the last two years of undergraduate work in a four-year undergraduate degree program or the last three years of a five-year undergraduate program and for any graduate study is mandatory. Considerable emphasis is placed on a student's interest and ability in research as demonstrated by previous work and letters of recommendation. Applications are considered for fall admission only.

The deadline for application materials is December 15. A minimum paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 570 (230 on the computer-based version, 88 on the internet-based version) is preferred for international applicants.

## Financial Aid

Financial aid is available in the form of fellowships and teaching and research assistantships for qualified students.