MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

PROGRAM OF STUDY
The College of Arts and Sciences at LSUS administers a graduate program leading to the M.S. degree in Biological Sciences. The thesis option offers a basic science approach to the study of any one of the following concentrations: cellular and molecular biology, field and organismal biology, environmental biology, and computational biology. A health sciences concentration is available for those students who desire non-thesis option as a means of preparing for a profession in the health sciences.

The program of study consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours. The thesis option includes at least 24 hours of course work and at least 6 hours of thesis. The 6 hours of thesis will be directed by a member of the graduate faculty in one of the academic departments within the School of Sciences in the LSUS College of Arts and Sciences. The non-thesis option includes 30 hours of course work and a qualifying exam.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Applicants to this program should have (1) a baccalaureate degree from a college or university approved by a regional accrediting agency; (2) a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4 point scale for undergraduate course work, and if applicable, A GPA of at least a 3.0 on a 4 scale on any graduate work attempted; (3) Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores of at least 300 for the combined verbal and analytical on the new GRE format or least 1000 for the combined analytical and quantitative on the old GRE format; and (4) satisfactory standing at the most recent educational institution attended. In addition, all foreign students must present acceptable scores (550 or better) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination before they will be accepted as graduate students.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE
Application to the program requires official copies of the following items:

1. A completed LSUS Graduate Program application form (on-line only).
2. Official transcript sent directly from the Registrar of each college or university the student has attended (including the various institutions of the LSU system).
3. Immunization Record

These items should be sent to:
Admissions and Records
LSUS
One University Place
Shreveport, LA 71115

4. Two letters of recommendation from former professors.
5. Results from the Graduate Record Examination sent by the Educational Testing Service.

These items must be sent to the following office:
Office of Graduate Studies
LSUS
One University Place
Shreveport, LA 71115

DEADLINE
Applications should be submitted as soon as possible in the semester prior to the semester the student desires to enter the program. The deadlines are as follows:
Summer Semester – April 30; Fall Semester – June 30; Spring Semester – November 30

ASSISTANTSHIPS
A limited number of teaching assistantships are available.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Further information regarding this program can be obtained by contacting any one of the following individuals:

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