

M.S. IN FOOD SCIENCE

ADMISSION GUIDE

Admission Requirements

- Hold a bachelor of Science degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale), or GPA of 3.0 or higher in the last 60 hours of coursework.
- Must have completed the following pre-requisite courses:
 - Biology, Botany, or Zoology
 - Physics
 - Microbiology
 - Organic Chemistry
 - Biochemistry
 - Calculus
 - Statistics

Admission Checklist

- 1. Graduate School Application and Application Fee**
\$65 US Citizens and Permanent Residents; \$75 International
<http://www.k-state.edu/grad/application/>
Students studying at K-State Olathe must select the Distance-Off Campus option on the Academic Information page on the online application.
- 2. Official Transcripts**
You must upload a copy of your transcript in PDF format from each college or university where you received your bachelor's degree(s) or completed any other coursework or degrees. Students whose transcripts are not in English must furnish an English translation by an appropriate authority. If admitted, you will be required to submit an official transcript from the institution(s) where you received your degree(s) or completed any credits.
- 3. GRE Scores**
- 4. Letters of Recommendation**
Request three letters of recommendation from former/current professors, employers, or other professionals who are in a position to evaluate your potential for graduate study.

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5. Statement of Objectives

The Statement of Objectives is an important component of your application. Prepare a one to two page well-written statement, and include your name at top of the page.

- Explain why you want to pursue a graduate degree in Food Science at K-State.
- Indicate the specific discipline area you want to study (e.g. food chemistry, food microbiology, cereals, meat science, sensory analysis, etc). This allows the application to be directed to the appropriate faculty for consideration. Terms such as “food processing” and “food technology” are too general and may result in rejection because of lack of specificity.
- Describe prior contact you have had with any K-State faculty.
- List specific faculty you desire to work with as a graduate student.
- Include a discussion of your academic objectives, giving specific reasons for the selection of your field of study, contemplated research areas, and professional plans.
- If you have a request for a certain advisor or advisors, indicate that preference in the statement.

6. TOEFL Scores

Required only if English is not your first language

Application Deadlines

Applications, with all required supporting materials included, must be received by the following deadlines:

Domestic Students

- February 1 – for domestic applications for fall enrollment
- September 15 – for domestic applications for spring enrollment

International Students

- December 15 – for international applications for fall enrollment
- June 15 – for international applications for spring enrollment

More information

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