FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there a graduate admission test or GRE required?
No GRE is required. However, applicants must have a completed bachelor’s degree, three letters of recommendation, official transcripts, a statement of objectives and complete the Graduate School application.

Do I need a certain degree or prerequisite courses to apply to the PSM?
No. This program is designed to provide cross-disciplinary training and does not require a specific undergraduate major or any prerequisite coursework to apply. Some electives require prior experience or prerequisite courses to be eligible to enroll.

How long will it take me to complete the program?
The PSM degree can be earned in one or two years, depending on course load.

How will a Professional Science Master’s degree help me advance my field?
The demand for well-educated workers in STEM fields continues to increase. Nationally, STEM-based employers are seeking an adaptable workforce that possess a powerful blend of advanced skills in the sciences, the business knowledge needed for leadership positions and the practical experience that is provided in the PSM curriculum. These skills and real-world experience gained during the PSM program make graduates highly marketable to employers.

Where do graduates work?
PSM graduates work in a broad range of career fields, including STEM industries related to animal health, food science, consumer science, biomedical sciences, informatics and technology, engineering, communications, public policy and business. Graduates often serve in leadership positions in their business, unit or lab.
WHY A PSM DEGREE?
A Professional Science Master’s degree, or PSM, is an industry-focused graduate program that lets students pursue advanced training in the sciences while simultaneously developing professional skills highly valued by employers. This unique professional program is designed to prepare students for direct entry into a variety of science-related career options in industry, business, government, and nonprofit organizations. Graduates are equipped with real-world skills that help them progress into leadership roles.

Program advantages
- Hands-on application through a capstone project that addresses an industry challenge or helps improve operations.
- Tailored coursework offered on a flexible schedule.
- Fuses science with professional skills for real-world application.
- Multidisciplinary curriculum means a more comprehensive ability to solve complex problems.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
The PSM program offers the ability to customize an education that fits your interests and career goals. Students work with an advisor and supervisory committee, and have an industry mentor available to help guide their program of study and equip them with skills for a successful career path. Coursework can be started any time during the year, and classes are offered online, face-to-face and as a combination of the two.

Content areas include:
- Applied and interdisciplinary studies
- Animal sciences and industry
- Biological and agricultural engineering
- Diagnostic medicine/pathobiology
- Food, nutrition, dietetics and health
- Food science
- Group dynamics
- Horticulture
- Informatics and technology management
- Interpersonal communications
- Leadership and team development
- Managerial finances, metrics and analytics
- Project management
- Statistics

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BUILD YOUR EXPERIENCE
The PSM program is 30 credit hours and designed to give graduates a unique blend of advanced skills in the sciences, the business knowledge needed for leadership positions and practical experience. A combination of 15 credit hours in STEM-related courses, 12 credit hours in professional skills and three credit hours in a capstone experience gives our graduates the knowledge and skills needed to be agile and adaptable in the workplace.