Twin Cities Campus
Integrated Biosciences M.S.
Medical School - Adm
Graduate School

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

Contact Information:
University of Minnesota, 251 Swenson Science Building, 1035 Kirby Drive, Duluth, MN 55812 (218-726-6898; fax: 218-726-8152)
Email: ibs@d.umn.edu
Website: http://www.d.umn.edu/ibs

- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011
- Length of program in credits: 30
- This program requires summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Science

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The all-University integrated biosciences graduate program offers study toward the master of science (M.S.) degree under Plan A (coursework and original thesis). The program has two areas of emphasis: cell, molecular, and physiological (CMP) biology and ecology, organismal, and population (EOP) biology.

Program Delivery
This program is available:
- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission
The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

A bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited college/university in the biological or physical sciences or a related field.

Background in a variety of subdisciplines is appropriate preparation.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:
- GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:
- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
  - Final score: 80

The preferred English language test is Test of English as Foreign Language

Key to test abbreviations (GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements
Plan A: Plan A requires 14 major credits, 6 credits outside the major, and 10 thesis credits. The final exam is oral.

This program may be completed with a minor.
Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 2 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

Recommended undergraduate courses for applicants pursuing the M.S. degree include one year each of chemistry, biology, and physics. One semester of calculus is also recommended. Applicants are strongly encouraged to have taken other advanced courses in chemistry, biology, additional calculus, and introductory statistics.

Required Coursework
Twin Cities Campus
Integrated Biosciences Ph.D.
Medical School - Adm
Graduate School

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Website: http://www.d.umn.edu/ibs

• Program Type: Doctorate
• Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011
• Length of program in credits: 54
• This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
• The Integrated Biosciences Ph.D. is an All-University program delivered on the Twin Cities and Duluth Campuses. The University of Minnesota Twin Cities is the degree granting authority for the Integrated Biosciences Ph.D. program in Duluth.
• Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The all-University integrated biosciences graduate program offers study toward the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree. The program has two areas of emphasis: cell, molecular, and physiological (CMP) biology and ecology, organismal, and population (EOP) biology.

Program Delivery
This program is available:
• via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission
The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

A bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university in the biological or physical sciences or a related field.

Recommended undergraduate courses for applicants pursuing the Ph.D. degree include one year each of chemistry, biology, physics, calculus, and advanced chemistry. One semester (minimum) of statistics is also recommended.

Additional recommended courses for students in the ecology, organismal, and population (EOP) emphasis include one year of calculus, one semester each of ecology and evolutionary biology along with one course in two of the following subjects: genetics, cell biology, biochemistry.

Additional recommended courses for students in the cell, molecular, and physiological (CMP) emphasis include one year of organic chemistry plus one course in each of the following: genetics, cell biology, and biochemistry.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:
• GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:
• TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
• IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
• MELAB
  - Final score: 80
The preferred English language test is Test of English as Foreign Language
Key to test abbreviations (GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements
20 credits are required in the major.
12 credits are required outside the major.
24 thesis credits are required.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 2 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

Ph.D. Written Preliminary Examination: In addition to completing the curriculum for the major and internal related fields, students will be required to pass both a written and oral preliminary examination prior to completing the Ph.D. program. The preliminary written examination will be administered once the student has completed the majority of the required coursework. This will typically occur in the summer of the second year. The written examination will consist of a completed NIH or NSF grant application for the student’s proposed research project. The project will be evaluated by the Thesis Examining Committee, which will also serve as the student’s Final Oral Examining Committee to provide continuity of advice during the length of the student’s research program.

Ph.D. Oral Preliminary Examination: The oral preliminary examination will be administered within two months of the successful completion of the preliminary written examination. The examination will be administered by the graduate faculty according to Graduate School regulations and all students will be required to pass the oral examination to continue in the Ph.D. program. Within one semester of passing the preliminary oral examination, each Ph.D. student must file a Thesis Proposal Form with the Graduate School.

Ph.D. Final Oral Defense: Most students will complete the requirements for the Ph.D. degree within five years. The final oral defense will be conducted by the graduate faculty according to Graduate School regulations. It will consist of a public seminar presented by the student.
Twin Cities Campus
Toxicology M.S.
Medical School - Adm
Graduate School

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

Contact Information:
Toxicology Graduate Program, Medical School Duluth, 162 SMed, 1035 University Drive, Duluth, MN 55812 (218-726-6354; fax: 218-726-8014)
Email: toxgrad@d.umn.edu
Website: http://www.ahc.umn.edu/toxicology

- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011
- Length of program in credits: 36 to 38
- This program requires summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Science

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

This University-wide program provides comprehensive training in the broad scope of toxicology. Toxicology, the science of poisons, is devoted to identifying and quantifying potential noxious agents in our environment. Although most chemical agents at sufficiently large doses may be toxic, not all present a significant risk to human health or to environmental organisms or ecosystems. Accordingly, the essence of the science of toxicology is defining the fine line that distinguishes a risk from a residue. To accomplish this requires scientific expertise in such areas as analytical and environmental chemistry, biology, and mathematics. Advanced courses and research are also available in such subdisciplines as human health risk assessment, epidemiology, environmental chemistry and engineering ecotoxicology, food additives and nutritional toxicology, biochemical and physiological mechanisms, histopathology, diagnostic and analytical toxicology, drug metabolism, chemical carcinogenesis, behavioral toxicology, and the toxicity of noxious agents to various organ systems (e.g., nervous, heart, liver, kidneys).

Program Delivery
This program is available:
- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission
The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or its foreign equivalent from a recognized college or university with a full year each of biology, organic chemistry, and physics, as well as mathematics.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:
- GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:
- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
The preferred English language test is Test of English as Foreign Language

Key to test abbreviations (GRE, TOEFL, IELTS).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.
Program Requirements

Plan A: Plan A requires 22 major credits, 6 credits outside the major, and 10 thesis credits. The final exam is oral.

Plan B: Plan B requires 30 major credits and 6 credits outside the major. The final exam is oral.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

A minimum GPA of 2.80 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 2 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

The master of science degree is offered under Plan A and Plan B. Plan A requires 22 course credits and 10 thesis credits; Plan B requires 30 course credits. A core curriculum of 8 credits in toxicology (TXCL 8012, 8013, and 8100) is required for both plans. Additional courses are arranged on an individual basis.
Twin Cities Campus
Toxicology Minor
Medical School - Adm
Graduate School

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

Contact Information:
Toxicology Graduate Program, Medical School Duluth, 162 SMed, 1035 University Drive, Duluth, MN 55812 (218-726-6354; fax: 218-726-8014)
Email: toxgrad@d.umn.edu
Website: http://www.ahc.umn.edu/toxicology

• Program Type: Graduate minor related to major
• Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011
• Length of program in credits (Masters): 12
• Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 12
• This program requires summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

This University-wide program provides comprehensive training in the broad scope of toxicology. Toxicology, the science of poisons, is devoted to identifying and quantifying potential noxious agents in our environment. Although most chemical agents at sufficiently large doses may be toxic, not all present a significant risk to human health or to environmental organisms or ecosystems. Accordingly, the essence of the science of toxicology is defining the fine line that distinguishes a risk from a residue. To accomplish this requires scientific expertise in such areas as analytical and environmental chemistry, biology, and mathematics. Advanced courses and research are also available in such subdisciplines as human health risk assessment, epidemiology, environmental chemistry and engineering, ecotoxicology, food additives and nutritional toxicology, biochemical and physiological mechanisms, histopathology, diagnostic and analytical toxicology, drug metabolism, chemical carcinogenesis, behavioral toxicology, and the toxicity of noxious agents to various organ systems (e.g., nervous, heart, liver, kidneys).

Program Delivery
This program is available:
• via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Program Requirements
Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

A minor is available at the doctoral level and requires 12 credits: 8 credits of core courses and 4 credits of advanced toxicology courses.
Twin Cities Campus
Toxicology Ph.D.
Medical School - Adm
Graduate School

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

Contact Information:
Toxicology Graduate Program, Medical School Duluth, 162 SMed, 1035 University Drive, Duluth, MN 55812 (218-726-6354; fax: 218-726-8014)
Email: toxgrad@d.umn.edu
Website: http://www.ahc.umn.edu/toxicology

- Program Type: Doctorate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011
- Length of program in credits: 54
- This program requires summer semesters for timely completion.
- The Toxicology Ph.D. is an All-University program delivered on the Twin Cities and Duluth Campuses. The University of Minnesota Twin Cities is the degree granting authority for the Toxicology Ph.D. program in Duluth.
- Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

This University-wide program provides comprehensive training in the broad scope of toxicology. Toxicology, the science of poisons, is devoted to identifying and quantifying potential noxious agents in our environment. Although most chemical agents at sufficiently large doses may be toxic, not all present a significant risk to human health or to environmental organisms or ecosystems. Accordingly, the essence of the science of toxicology is defining the fine line that distinguishes a risk from a residue. To accomplish this requires scientific expertise in such areas as analytical and environmental chemistry, biology, and mathematics. Advanced courses and research are also available in such subdisciplines as human health risk assessment, epidemiology, environmental chemistry and engineering, ecotoxicology, food additives and nutritional toxicology, biochemical and physiological mechanisms, histopathology, diagnostic and analytical toxicology, drug metabolism, chemical carcinogenesis, behavioral toxicology, and the toxicity of noxious agents to various organ systems (e.g., nervous, heart, liver, kidneys).

Program Delivery
This program is available:
- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission
The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or its foreign equivalent from a recognized college/university. At least a full year each of biology, organic chemistry, and physics, as well as mathematics.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:
- GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:
- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
The preferred English language test is Test of English as Foreign Language

Key to test abbreviations (GRE, TOEFL, IELTS).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.
Program Requirements

22 credits are required in the major.
12 credits are required outside the major.
24 thesis credits are required.

This program may not be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

A minimum GPA of 2.80 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 2 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

The doctor of philosophy degree requires core courses in physiology (4 credits), biochemistry (6 credits), statistics (2 credits), and toxicology (10 credits). Students must also complete 12 credits in a minor or supporting program and 24 thesis credits. Because the program spans the Duluth and Twin Cities campuses, the required courses differ on each campus.

Additional advanced courses in toxicology or related fields may be specified by the adviser. Students must complete and defend an original research project.
Twin Cities Campus
Water Resources Science M.S.
Water Resources Center
Graduate School

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

Contact Information:
Water Resources Science, University of Minnesota, 173 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue, St. Paul MN 55108 (612-624-7456; fax: 612-625-1263)
Email: wrs@umn.edu
Website: http://wrs.umn.edu

- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011
- Length of program in credits: 30
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- University of Minnesota, Duluth
- Degree: Master of Science

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

This cross-campus interdisciplinary program provides comprehensive training in water resources science, with integration across scientific disciplines. A structured interdisciplinary graduate curriculum is offered. The program includes a set of core courses plus electives in the following areas of emphasis at the M.S. level: aquatic biology, environmental chemistry, hydrologic science, limnology, water management technology, water policy, water quality, and watershed science and management. Approximately 80 courses offered within 15 other graduate programs are available to students majoring in water resources science.

The goal of the program is to produce scientists with strong technical skills in disciplines relevant to water resources and a broad understanding of 1) the hydrologic cycle and associated ecosystems, 2) the interconnectedness of the sciences involved in managing aquatic resources, and 3) the interplay between the biophysical sciences and social sciences in developing and implementing public policies related to water.

Students in the program develop the breadth of scientific knowledge appropriate to understand the complicated aquatic ecosystems and watersheds on which they will work, as well as social dimensions of the topic, including the public policy and legal frameworks in which water resources are protected and managed.

The program involves faculty from the following departments on the Twin Cities campus: Applied Economics; Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering; Civil Engineering; Earth Sciences; Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior; Entomology; Environmental and Occupational Health; Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology; Forest Resources; Geography; Horticultural Science; Microbiology; Plant Biology; Soil, Water, and Climate; and the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. It also involves faculty from the following departments on the Duluth campus: Biology; Chemical Engineering; Chemistry; Civil Engineering; Geography; Geological Sciences; Physics; and Political Science; as well as the Large Lakes Observatory and the Natural Resources Research Institute in Duluth.

Program Delivery
This program is available:
- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission
The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

The program is flexible enough to accommodate students from a variety of backgrounds. Normally students have a bachelor's degree in physical or biological science or engineering.

Recommended academic preparation includes one year (or two semesters) each of calculus, physics, and chemistry, and one biology course.

Availability of funding and willingness of a member of the graduate faculty to serve as an adviser are important criteria for admission to the program.
Special Application Requirements:
Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation via the Graduate School ApplyYourself website. These letters should be from professors qualified to estimate applicant's class rank and evaluate their ability to complete a program of graduate study, or from persons who can assess their professional or research potential.

Applicants must also submit a résumé of their academic history and professional experience and a statement of purpose, including the proposed area of emphasis. Applicants should submit results of the GRE General Test. Students may be admitted any semester but are strongly encouraged to submit their application by December 15 for fall semester admission. More specific application instruction can be found on the program website: wrs.umn.edu/prospectivestudents/apply/index.htm.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

- **GRE**
- **TOEFL**
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- **IELTS**
  - Total Score: 6.5
- **MELAB**
  - Final score: 80

The preferred English language test is Test of English as Foreign Language

Key to test abbreviations (GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

**Plan A:** Plan A requires 14 major credits, 6 credits outside the major, and 10 thesis credits. The final exam is oral.

**Plan B:** Plan B requires 14 major credits and 6 credits outside the major. The final exam is oral. A capstone project is required.

**Capstone Project:** The Plan B project is defined by the faculty adviser. The Plan B option is well suited to students who have little undergraduate course work in water resources science and thus need more coursework to gain the combination of depth and breadth needed in this field. Plan B projects involve field, laboratory or computer work and the analysis, synthesis, or interpretation of data.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 1 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

Students may choose Plan A, which requires a thesis, or Plan B, which requires additional coursework and a major project. Both plans incorporate courses offered on the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses.

Students must complete courses in four core areas: 1) hydrology (surface and/or hydrogeology); 2) environmental/water chemistry; 3) limnology; and 4) water resources policy, economics, and management, and two electives in such areas of emphasis as aquatic biology, hydrologic science, watershed science and management, and water management technology. One elective must be from an approved list of technical courses dealing with water quality science/management. A minimum of two related field courses (at least 6 credits) outside of aquatic science are required. Registration for the WRS Seminar during the first semester in residence and training in responsible conduct of research and ethics are also required.

Approved core and area of emphasis courses as well as a list of faculty are listed on the program website: wrs.umn.edu/degreesandcourses/index.htm.

A minimum of 20 course credits (plus 10 thesis credits) are required for Plan A and a minimum of 30 credits are required for Plan B (up to 3 credits may be used for the Plan B project). Students who had classes equivalent to those in the WRS core as undergraduates may substitute other classes to meet minimum credit requirements.
Program Sub-plans
A sub-plan is not required for this program.
Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Limnology and Oceanography
The science of inland waters, or “limnology,” includes the study of streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands. While Lake Superior falls into this category, the style of research, particularly the nature of sampling and the scale of the processes investigated, makes study of Lake Superior and other Great Lakes more akin to oceanography than to classical limnology. A program that focuses on the study of both limnology and oceanography strengthens understanding of both systems, through comparative studies and by fostering interaction between groups that focus more strongly on one or the other system. Limnology and oceanography are by necessity interdisciplinary fields, with major components contributed by biological, geological, physical and chemical sciences. Such interdisciplinary fields in the modern research university require mechanisms to insure cross-fertilization of ideas, approaches, methods, techniques, and knowledge. The limnology and oceanography track in WRS provides just such a much-needed mechanism.

The goal of the program is to produce scientists with strong technical skills in aquatic science and a broad understanding of limnology and oceanography.

Students may choose Plan A, which requires a thesis, or Plan B, which requires additional coursework and a major project. Specific curriculum for the limnology and oceanography track follows WRS course requirements. Both plans incorporate courses offered on the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses.

Students must complete courses in four limnology and oceanography track core areas: 1) hydrology (surface and/or hydrogeology); 2) environmental/water chemistry; 3) limnology; and 4) water resources policy, economics, and management; and one elective must be from an approved list of technical courses dealing with water quality science/management. An additional one or two electives in limnology and oceanography are also required. A minimum of two related field courses (at least 6 credits) outside of aquatic science are required. Registration for the WRS Seminar during the first semester in residence and training in responsible conduct of research and ethics are also required.

A minimum of 20 course credits (plus 10 thesis credits) are required for Plan A and a minimum of 30 credits are required for Plan B (up to 3 credits may be used for the Plan B project). Students who had classes equivalent to those in the WRS core as undergraduates may substitute other classes to meet minimum credit requirements.

The faculty adviser must be a member of the limnology and oceanography track faculty.

Approved limnology and oceanography track core and elective courses as well as a list of faculty are listed on the program website: wrs.umn.edu/degreesandcourses/landotrack/index.htm.
Twin Cities Campus

Water Resources Science Minor

Water Resources Center

Graduate School

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

Contact Information:
Water Resources Science, 173 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue, St. Paul MN 55108 (612-624-7456; fax: 612-625-1263)
Email: wrs@umn.edu
Website: http://wrs.umn.edu

• Program Type: Graduate minor related to major
• Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011
• Length of program in credits (Masters): 9
• Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 12
• This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
• University of Minnesota Duluth

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

This cross-campus interdisciplinary program provides comprehensive training in water resources science, with integration across scientific disciplines. A structured interdisciplinary graduate curriculum is offered. The program includes a set of core courses plus electives in the following areas of emphasis at the M.S. and Ph.D. levels: aquatic biology, environmental chemistry, hydrologic science, limnology, water management technology, water policy, water quality, and watershed science and management. Approximately 80 courses offered within 15 other graduate programs are available to students majoring in water resources science.

The goal of the program is to produce scientists with strong technical skills in disciplines relevant to water resources and a broad understanding of 1) the hydrologic cycle and associated ecosystems, 2) the interconnectedness of the sciences involved in managing aquatic resources, and 3) the interplay between the biophysical sciences and social sciences in developing and implementing public policies related to water.

Students in the program develop the breadth of scientific knowledge appropriate to understand the complicated aquatic ecosystems and watersheds on which they will work, as well as social dimensions of the topic, including the public policy and legal frameworks in which water resources are protected and managed.

The program involves faculty from the following departments on the Twin Cities campus: Applied Economics; Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering; Civil Engineering; Earth Sciences; Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior; Entomology; Environmental and Occupational Health; Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology; Forest Resources; Geography; Horticultural Science; Microbiology; Plant Biology; Soil, Water, and Climate; and the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. It also involves faculty from the following departments on the Duluth campus: Biology; Chemical Engineering; Chemistry; Civil Engineering; Geography; Geological Sciences; Physics; and Political Science; as well as the Large Lakes Observatory and the Natural Resources Research Institute in Duluth.

Program Delivery

This program is available:
• via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Program Requirements

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

A master's minor requires 9 credits, including WRS 5101 (3 credits) and two of the other core courses described under M.S. degree requirements. Doctoral students must complete 12 credits, including WRS 5101 (3 credits), a core courses described under the M.S. degree requirements, and two electives from one of the areas of emphasis.
**Twin Cities Campus**

**Water Resources Science Ph.D.**

*Water Resources Center*

*Graduate School*

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

**Contact Information:**

Water Resources Science, 173 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue, St. Paul MN 55108 (612-624-7456; fax: 612-625-1263)

Email: wrs@umn.edu

Website: [http://wrs.umn.edu](http://wrs.umn.edu)

- **Program Type:** Doctorate
- **Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011**
- **Length of program in credits:** 64
- **This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.**
- **The Water Resources Science Ph.D. is an All-University program delivered on the Twin Cities and Duluth Campuses. The University of Minnesota Twin Cities is the degree granting authority for the Water Resources Science Ph.D. program in Duluth.**
- **Degree:** Doctor of Philosophy

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

This cross-campus interdisciplinary program provides comprehensive training in water resources science, with integration across scientific disciplines. A structured interdisciplinary graduate curriculum is offered. The program includes a set of core courses plus electives in the following areas of emphasis at the Ph.D. level: aquatic biology, environmental chemistry, hydrologic science, limnology, water management technology, water policy, water quality, and watershed science and management. Approximately 80 courses offered within 15 other graduate programs are available to students majoring in water resources science.

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**Program Delivery**

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

**Prerequisites for Admission**

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

The program is flexible enough to accommodate students from a variety of backgrounds. Normally students have a bachelor's or master's degree in physical or biological science or engineering.

Recommended academic preparation includes one year (or two semesters) each of calculus, physics, and chemistry, and one biology course at the undergraduate level.

Availability of funding and willingness of a member of the graduate faculty to serve as an adviser are important criteria for admission to the Ph.D. program.
Special Application Requirements:
Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation via the Graduate School ApplyYourself website. These letters should be from professors qualified to estimate applicant’s class rank and evaluate their ability to complete a program of graduate study, or from persons who can assess their professional or research potential.

Applicants must also submit a résumé of their academic history and professional experience and a statement of purpose, including the proposed area of emphasis. Applicants should submit results of the GRE. Students may be admitted any semester but are strongly encouraged to submit their application by December 15 for fall semester admission. More specific application instruction can be found on the program website: wrs.umn.edu/prospectivestudents/apply/index.htm.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

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- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
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- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
  - Final score: 80

The preferred English language test is Test of English as Foreign Language

Key to test abbreviations (GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements
28 credits are required in the major.
12 credits are required outside the major.
24 thesis credits are required.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 2 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

Coursework is tailored to student interests, and many areas of emphasis are possible. Core courses are offered on both the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses.

Students complete coursework equivalent to that of an M.S. in water resources science, with additional coursework in an area of emphasis. There are no specific credit requirements in the major, but Ph.D. programs normally include at least 40 course credits beyond the B.S. level, including relevant coursework taken for a master’s degree and a required minimum of 12 credits in a supporting or minor program.

Approved core and area of emphasis courses as well as a list of faculty are listed on the program website: wrs.umn.edu/degreesandcourses/index.htm.

Program Sub-plans
A sub-plan is not required for this program.
Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Limnology and Oceanography
The science of inland waters, or "limnology," includes the study of streams, lakes, ponds and wetlands. While Lake Superior falls into this category, the style of research, particularly the nature of sampling and the scale of the processes investigated, makes study of Lake Superior and other Great Lakes more akin to oceanography than to classical limnology. A program that focuses on the study of both limnology and oceanography strengthens understanding of both systems, through comparative studies and by fostering interaction between groups that focus more strongly on one or the other system. Limnology and oceanography are by necessity interdisciplinary fields, with major components contributed by biological, geological, physical, and chemical sciences.

This track within the cross-campus interdisciplinary WRS program provides comprehensive training in limnology and oceanography. As is the case for the WRS graduate program as a whole, the L&O program includes a set of core courses plus electives in the subfield of limnology and oceanography.

The goal of the program is to produce scientists with strong technical skills in aquatic science and a broad understanding of limnology and oceanography. Faculty on both Twin Cities and Duluth campuses participate in the limnology and oceanography track. WRS limnology and oceanography faculty list: http://wrs.umn.edu/faculty/landotracklist/index.htm.

Specific curriculum for the limnology and oceanography track follows WRS course requirements. Core courses are offered on both the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses.

Students must complete coursework equivalent to that of an M.S. in the water resources science limnology and oceanography track, with additional coursework in an area of limnology and oceanography. There are no specific credit requirements in the major, but Ph.D. programs normally include at least 40 course credits beyond the B.S. level, including relevant coursework taken for a master's degree and a required minimum of 12 credits in a supporting or minor program.

Ph.D. students pursuing this track must have at least two members of the limnology and oceanography track faculty on their committee including the adviser.

Approved limnology and oceanography track core and elective courses as well as a list of faculty are listed on the program website: wrs.umn.edu/degreesandcourses/landotrack/index.htm.
Twin Cities Campus

Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology M.S.

R Bioscience/Biotechnology

Graduate School

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

Contact Information:
Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology, 300 University Square, 111 South Broadway, Rochester, MN 55904 (507-258-8006; fax: 507-258-8066)
Email: bicbgrad@umn.edu
Website: http://www.r.umn.edu/academics-research/bicb

Program Type: Master's
Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011
Length of program in credits: 30
This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
The Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology Program is an all-University program delivered on the Rochester and Twin Cities campuses. The University of Minnesota Twin Cities is the degree-granting authority for delivery of the Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology Program in Rochester.
Degree: Master of Science

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The graduate program in biomedical informatics and computational biology (BICB) offers course work in five core areas: 1) biochemistry, molecular and cell biology; 2) database, data mining, and computing; 3) informatics, analysis, and machine learning; 4) mathematics, biostatistics, and statistics; and 5) computational and systems biology. In addition, students select courses from a diverse set of fields, including chemistry, chemical engineering, physics, biophysics, structural biology, imaging, signal processing, and clinical and translational sciences. The curriculum is individualized to fit the student's interest and research direction. Prior coursework may be used to fill the requirements if appropriate. Students may pursue a minor in a different program.

All students receive training in ethics, leadership, and management, including legal and intellectual property issues and entrepreneurship. Those interested in academic careers have the opportunity to participate in development programs that focus on aspects of teaching and learning.

The M.S. is offered under two plans: Plan A (with thesis), and Plan B (with project). Plan A is considered suitable for students planning to pursue careers that require a limited research experience or those planning to continue their education in a Ph.D. program. It is also suitable for students with full-time employment whose thesis can be related to their work assignments. Plan B is suitable for students planning to work in settings where technical knowledge is more germane than research experience.

Program Delivery
This program is available:
● via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission
The program expects incoming graduate students to have a strong background in the quantitative sciences and varied backgrounds in the life/health sciences. The expected competencies of incoming students may be demonstrated by coursework completed at the undergraduate level or by informal competency examinations.

In addition to completing the online application form, applicants must submit a personal statement, which describes past experiences and career aspirations, and reasons for pursuing graduate studies in biomedical informatics and computational biology. Applicants should also indicate the names of the BICB graduate faculty whose interests overlap their own. Although there is no page limit for the personal statement, 2-3 pages are recommended.

Special Application Requirements:
Applications for the M.S. program are accepted throughout the year for either fall or spring.

GRE scores may be waived for students with significant work or academic experience.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:
GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:
- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
  - Final score: 80

Key to test abbreviations (GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan A: Plan A requires 14 major credits, null credits outside the major, and 10 thesis credits. The final exam is oral.

Plan B: Plan B requires 24 major credits and null credits outside the major. The final exam is oral. A capstone project is required.

Capstone Project: Plan B students complete a project under the direction of a faculty member and present the work to their faculty committee in an oral exam.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 2.80 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 1 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

The M.S. is offered under two plans: Plan A (with thesis), and Plan B (with project).

Plan A is considered suitable for students planning to pursue careers that require a limited research experience or those planning to continue their education in a Ph.D. program. Plan A students defend their thesis in public and must pass an oral examination. Plan A is suitable for students with full-time employment whose thesis can be related to their work assignments.

Plan B is suitable for students planning to work in settings where technical knowledge is more germane than research experience.

The requirements include 20 course credits for Plan A and 30 course credits for Plan B.

Up to 6 credits outside the major may be taken but are not required.

Program Sub-plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Rochester
Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology Minor

R Bioscience/Biotechnology

Graduate School

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

Contact Information:
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Email: bicbgrad@umn.edu
Website: http://www.r.umn.edu/academics-research/bicb

- Program Type: Graduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 9
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 12
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- The Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology Program is an all-University program delivered on the Rochester and Twin Cities campuses. The University of Minnesota Twin Cities is the degree-granting authority for delivery of the Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology Program in Rochester.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The graduate program in biomedical informatics and computational biology (BICB) offers course work in five core areas: 1) biochemistry, molecular and cell biology; 2) database, data mining, and computing; 3) informatics, analysis, and machine learning; 4) mathematics, biostatistics, and statistics; and 5) computational and systems biology. In addition, students select courses from a diverse set of fields, including chemistry, chemical engineering, physics, biophysics, structural biology, imaging, signal processing, and clinical and translational sciences. The curriculum is individualized to fit the student's interest and research direction. Prior coursework may be used to fill the requirements if appropriate. Students may pursue a minor in a different program.

All students receive training in ethics, leadership, and management, including legal and intellectual property issues and entrepreneurship. Students interested in academic careers have the opportunity to participate in development programs that focus on aspects of teaching and learning.

Program Delivery
This program is available:
- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Program Requirements
Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Master's Minor: A minimum of 9 credits must be completed in Core Area 1 and one of Core Areas 2-5.

Doctoral Minor: A minimum of 12 credits must be completed in Core Area 1 and two of Core Areas 2-5.

Graduate students choose from a list of courses that satisfy requirements in core areas and electives.

There are five core areas:
1. Biochemistry, molecular and cell biology
2. Database, data mining, and computing
3. Informatics, analysis, and machine learning
4. Mathematics, biostatistics, and statistics
5. Computational and systems biology

Students choose elective courses from the following eight areas:
1. Biochemistry, molecular and cell biology
2. Informatics, database, data mining, and computing
3. Mathematics, biostatistics, and statistics
4. Chemistry, chemical engineering, and physics
5. Biophysics and structural biology

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6. Imaging, information theory, and signal processing
7. Computational chemistry, medicinal chemistry, and drug design
8. Clinical and translational sciences

Core/elective courses are listed on the courses page of the BICB Student Handbook (http://r.umn.edu/academics-research/bicb/graduate-program/student-handbook/courses). The adviser(s), together with the DGS, will ensure that the student selects appropriate courses.
Twin Cities Campus

Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology Ph.D.
R Bioscience/Biotechnology
Graduate School

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

Contact Information:
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Email: bicbgrad@umn.edu
Website: http://www.r.umn.edu/academics-research/bicb

- Program Type: Doctorate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2011
- Length of program in credits: 60
- This program requires summer semesters for timely completion.
- The Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology Program is an all-University program delivered on the Rochester and Twin Cities campuses. The University of Minnesota Twin Cities is the degree-granting authority for delivery of the Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology Program in Rochester.
- Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The graduate program in biomedical informatics and computational biology (BICB) offers course work in five core areas: 1) biochemistry, molecular and cell biology; 2) database, data mining, and computing; 3) informatics, analysis, and machine learning; 4) mathematics, biostatistics, and statistics; and 5) computational and systems biology. In addition, students select courses from a diverse set of fields, including chemistry, chemical engineering, physics, biophysics, structural biology, imaging, signal processing, and clinical and translational sciences. The curriculum is individualized to fit the student's interest and research direction. Prior coursework may be used to fill the requirements if appropriate. Students may pursue a minor in a different program.

All students receive training in ethics, leadership, and management, including legal and intellectual property issues and entrepreneurship. The Ph.D. program includes an industrial or clinical internship. Students interested in academic careers have the opportunity to participate in development programs that focus on aspects of teaching and learning.

Program Delivery
This program is available:
- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission
The program expects incoming graduate students to have a strong background in the quantitative sciences and varied backgrounds in the life/health sciences. The expected competencies of incoming students may be demonstrated by coursework completed at the undergraduate level or by informal competency examinations.

In addition to completing the online application form, applicants must submit a personal statement, which describes past experiences and career aspirations, and reasons for pursuing graduate studies in biomedical informatics and computational biology. Prospective students should also indicate the names of the BICB graduate faculty whose interests overlap with their own. The department strongly encourages applicants to contact these faculty members before applying. Although there is no page limit for the personal statement, 2-3 pages are recommended.

Special Application Requirements:
Three letters of recommendation and scores from the General Test of the GRE are required. Applicants are admitted only for the fall semester.

GRE scores may be waived for students with significant work or academic experience.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:
- GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:
TOEFL
- Internet Based - Total Score: 79
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- Final score: 80

Key to test abbreviations (GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements
30 credits are required in the major.
24 thesis credits are required.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 2.80 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Ph.D. students take preliminary written exams at the end of the second year of study, which focuses on the development of a research proposal. An oral preliminary exam focuses on the plan for thesis research and the student's coursework and is taken by the fall of the third year of full-time registration or its equivalent. At least 24 course credits are required to gain competency in both biology and quantitative areas related to biomedical informatics and computational biology. An internship is required, which may be waived for students with equivalent experience. Additionally, 24 thesis credits are required. Ph.D. students defend their thesis in public and must pass an oral examination.

An internship is required, which may be waived for students with equivalent experience.

Up to 9 credits outside the major may be taken but are not required.

Program Sub-plans
A sub-plan is not required for this program.
Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Rochester