

WILDLIFE ECOLOGY, MS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	May 31 for international applicants; August 1 for domestic applicants
Spring Deadline	October 1 for international applicants; December 1 for domestic applicants
Summer Deadline	December 1 for domestic applicants; February 1 for international applicants
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

The Graduate School sets minimum requirements for admissions (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>). Academic program admission requirements are often more rigorous than those set by the Graduate School. Applicants are encouraged to apply earlier than the dates listed above. Check the program's website (https://forestandwildlifeecology.wisc.edu/academics/21417982244_4e0823cb05_k/application-process/) for details about the admission process.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to reach out to program faculty before applying. Admittance depends on appropriate fit within a research lab and the faculty member's ability to fund a graduate student throughout their degree program.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- 1. Graduate School Application Form and Application Fee**
 - All applicants must complete the Graduate School's online application: <https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>.

2. Supplementary Application

- Applicants must submit the Wildlife Ecology supplementary application, which will appear as part of the Graduate School's electronic application once the applicant selects Wildlife Ecology.

3. Resume or CV

- Applicants must submit resume or CV electronically through the online application.

4. Transcripts

- All applicants must upload an unofficial transcript (non-encrypted) in a PDF format to their online application.
 - If an applicant is recommended for admission, they will be asked to submit an official transcript to the Graduate School; official transcripts are not to be mailed to the department.
 - Any school listed must have a transcript uploaded, otherwise the application will not be complete.
- International academic records must be in the original language accompanied by an official English translation. Documents must be issued by the school with the official seal/stamp and an official signature.
- The Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology requires all applicants to have a BA/BS degree from an accredited institution.
- A minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) on the equivalent of the last 60 semester hours from the most recent bachelor's degree institution is required for regular admission. If an applicant has received a post-baccalaureate degree and the GPA for that degree is above a 3.0, then they may be admitted with full standing even if their undergraduate GPA does not meet the standards above.

5. Statement of Purpose

- This should describe the applicant's graduate program objectives and career focus. Applicants are strongly encouraged to describe past research experiences in their statement.
- The statement of purpose should be around two pages in length.

6. Three Letters of Recommendation

- These letters are preferably from people acquainted with the applicant's academic, research and/or professional qualifications.
- Letters must be submitted online through the Graduate School's electronic format.

7. English Proficiency Test Scores (if applicable - refer to table above)

PREREQUISITES

Individuals are expected to enter the program having taken a majority of the following coursework, but deficient courses may be taken while in the program in consultation with the student's Graduate Committee.

- One course in ecology, with population ecology/dynamics strongly recommended
- One course in conservation biology, wildlife management, natural resources policy, or human dimensions of natural resources
- One course in animal organismal biology (e.g., physiology, terrestrial vertebrates, ornithology)
- One course in genetics or evolution

Coursework used to fulfill the prerequisite courses listed above does not transfer in for fulfillment of degree requirements.