

California State University, Bakersfield

Master of Science in Biology Department of Biology

Application for Admission

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Street

Phone _____

City

State

Zip

INSTRUCTIONS: As an applicant to the M.S. in Biology, you need to complete this form as well as an application to California State University, Bakersfield (available from the Office of Admissions and Records). The Department only admits applicants who are also admissible to graduate study at CSUB. General admissibility to the Department's program is governed by information in sections 1a, b, and c. The Department of Biology faculty reserves the right to select those applicants it deems most qualified to complete the program. Records of graduation, grade-point-average, or special test results are required to substantiate statements in this application. In addition to materials required by the Admissions Office, you should submit one transcript of undergraduate and graduate coursework completed at CSUB or elsewhere and your Graduate Record Exam scores directly to the Department of Biology. If you are submitting a petition to show equivalent evidence of graduate level ability, attach it to this application. The decision as to whether you demonstrate evidence of ability for graduate work rests with the Department of Biology faculty. The Department acts only on complete applications. A formal decision as to admission will be communicated to you in writing.

1. General Criteria: Parts (a), (b) and (c) must be completed.

(a) Beginning with the most recent, list in order of your attendance all colleges and universities you have attended, including the one in which you are currently enrolled. List all schools, regardless of the length of time enrolled or number of credits completed. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

NAME OF INSTITUTION (Do not use initials) Transcripts must be Submitted from each. Institution listed. (City, State or County)	LOCATION	Attended/ Attending	FROM Mo/Yr	TO Mo/Yr	MAJOR	Name of Diploma Rec'd or Expected	Date Rec'd or Expected
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(b) Program to which you are applying (circle one):

Thesis

Non-thesis

(c) Academic Performance.

Grade point average over last 90 quarter units (60 semester units) of undergraduate work: _____

Graduate Record Examination scores (V+Q) _____ Verbal _____ Quantitative

GRE report must be sent to the Department

(d) Letters of Recommendation. Letters are required from three or more persons who know your academic and personal abilities well. Three forms are included with this application. You should fill out the top part. Have the recommending person complete the rest and mail the recommendation to the Department of Biology. List below the names of persons you are asking to write letters:

Name	Position	Address
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2. Previous Graduate Coursework: List any graduate level course in Biology taken as an-undergraduate or graduate student that you feel (a) demonstrates your ability to do graduate level work and/or (b) might be taken as a transfer course. Give the course number, course title, grade, and institution where the course was taken.

3. Previous Work Experience: Describe past and present work experiences directly related to Biology. Do not include unrelated work. Use a separate page if necessary. Indicate length of employment, part- or full-time, kind of work done.

4. **Goals and Objectives:** Give a brief description of your plans for graduate study and professional aspirations. If you are planning to pursue the MS thesis-option please discuss your research interests. Indicate whether you have spoken to a Biology faculty member about research aspirations.

5. Return this form to: Department of Biology, Graduate Coordinator, California State University, Bakersfield, 9001 Stockdale Highway, Bakersfield, CA 93311-1099.