

ASTROBIOLOGY

Admission Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/>).

Students must apply and be admitted to their primary graduate program and The Graduate School before they can apply for admission to the Astrobiology dual-title degree program. After admission to their primary program, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the Astrobiology dual-title program. Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in Astrobiology no later than the end of the fourth semester (not counting summer semesters) of entry into the graduate major program.

To apply for the Astrobiology dual-title, graduate students must submit transcripts of their undergraduate and graduate course work, a written personal statement indicating the career goals they hope to serve by attaining an Astrobiology dual title, and a statement of support from their dissertation adviser (or, if an adviser has not yet been chosen, from the Head of the student's graduate program). A strong undergraduate preparation in the basic sciences is expected, with evidence of an interest in multiple disciplines.