

BIOGEOCHEMISTRY

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/>).

Graduate students with research and educational interests in biogeochemistry may apply to the Biogeochemistry dual-title degree program. For admission to pursue a dual-title degree under this program, a student must apply to (1) the Graduate School and (2) one of the participating major graduate programs; and then subsequently to (3) the Biogeochemistry program committee. Students may only apply to the dual-title program once they have been accepted into a major program. Once a student has been accepted to a major program, application to the dual-title degree program can occur immediately or at a later time, such as upon matriculation. The application to the dual-title degree program, however, must be accepted before the qualifying examination in the major program is scheduled.

Candidates must submit transcripts of their undergraduate and graduate course work, a written personal statement indicating their interests in the interdisciplinary area of Biogeochemistry and the career goals they hope to serve by attaining a Biogeochemistry dual-title, and a statement of support from their dissertation adviser, if assigned. A strong undergraduate preparation in the basic sciences is expected, with evidence of an interest in multiple disciplines.