

APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM

Prospective students should apply using the on-line application at the WCU Graduate web site. Undergraduate transcripts and letters of reference are submitted through the on-line application. The Department of Biology will not see the application until it is complete. GRE scores are NOT required.

PREREQUISITES

WCU requires a minimum GPA of 2.8 overall, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the major (Biology) courses.

The Biology Department requires the following courses:

- One semester of calculus,
- One semester of physics (with lab),
- One year of general chemistry (with labs).
- One year of organic chemistry (only one semester of lab required).
- A minimum of 17 credits in Biology

At the discretion of the Graduate Committee, an applicant who does not meet all the requirements for admission might be given provisional matriculation. All deficiencies must be corrected by the end of the first year of classes. A student who does not achieve full matriculation status by the end of the first year is subject to dismissal from the program, even if they are in good academic standing.

Students whose undergraduate transcripts are deemed too weak for successful graduate study may improve their application by completion of 6-9 credits of upper level undergraduate work, with a grade of B+ or better in each course. Students may resubmit their application after completion of the coursework.