

GRADUATE ADMISSION INFORMATION

When are the application deadlines?

February 1 is the deadline for all domestic and international applicants.

Where do I apply?

Please follow this link: <https://wmich.edu/apply/graduate>

Where can I find the international application?

Please follow this link: <https://wmich.edu/apply/international>

What items do the Department of Biological Sciences require for their graduate programs?

We require all M.A., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates to complete their online application, pay their application fee, submit a resume, 3 letters of recommendation and provide their official transcripts (unless from Western Michigan University). In addition to these items if you're a M.S. candidate you also need to identify a faculty mentor or rotation mentor before applying to the program. If you're a Ph.D. candidate you also need have your GRE scores and identify a faculty mentor or rotation mentor before applying to the program.

Should I contact one or two professors whose research interests me?

Yes, we require our applicants to contact faculty with research that fits your research interests. Please visit <https://wmich.edu/biology/research> for more information.

How do I pay the application fee?

You must pay your application fee online with your credit card using a secured online payment system. The application fees are \$50 for domestic applicants and \$100 for international applicants. You will not be able to submit the application without paying online.

What are the transcript requirements?

An official transcript from the institution from which you received your Bachelor degree is required, as well as a transcript from institution(s) where any graduate level courses or degrees

have been taken/completed. Applicants are not required to submit an official transcript of courses taken/completed at Western Michigan University.

Where do I send my transcripts?

Request official transcripts be sent to graduate-transcripts@wmich.edu or Western Michigan University, Office of Admissions, 1903 W Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5211 USA.

What is the Institutional Code for me to send official copies of my GRE/TOEFL scores?

Institution Code: 1902

Can I turn in materials after the deadline?

Late application material will be considered for the next application deadline.

How long until a decision is made on my application?

Decisions on admission are made by March 1.

What about financial aid?

You can complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) beginning October 1 for the upcoming year. Most students qualify for some type of financial aid, so be sure to submit your FAFSA early. The [WMU Student Financial Aid Application Checklist](#) is available for your reference and WMU's school code is 002330.

If you need further assistance please visit the Student Financial Aid Office at <https://wmich.edu/finaid/graduate>

Can I check the status of my Graduate School application?

Yes, an applicant can log into their TargetX account to see their checklist of outstanding requirements as well as see when a decision has been made.

Is TOEFL required?

All international applicants are required to submit an IELTS or TOEFL when applying to the M.A., M.S. and Ph.D. programs. The department requires a 80 paper and/or 550 on-line TOEFL score, and 6.5 IELTS score.

How do I contact Biological Sciences?

E-mail: bios-gradadmissions@wmich.edu phone: (269) 387-5600, or fax: (269) 387-5609

How does the cost of living compare?

Refer to <https://wmich.edu/grad/future-students/campus-resources> for on campus and off campus housing information. Or visit <https://www.apartmentguide.com/> and search Kalamazoo, Michigan.