

Required Application Materials: Non-Thesis program

Applicants must have completed at least 30 hours of biology coursework for admission to the MS program. The Department of Biological Sciences does not require submission of GRE scores. When reviewing applicants, the graduate faculty will focus on undergraduate coursework and GPA, as well as experience. We require this information to be included in the letter of intent, and reflected in letters of recommendation as outlined below.

A. University Specific Submission Requirements: Applicants must apply to the university by completing a university application and submitting the necessary items below.

- A. [Submit an online graduate admissions application](#). Upon submission of the online application, applicants will be directed to an application portal with further instructions on submitting or uploading required materials
- B. Pay the application fee. (The application cannot be completed without paying the application fee except for international/military veteran applicants.)
- C. Submit official transcripts from ALL post-secondary institutions attended. For instructions on submitting official transcripts, see [Required Admissions Materials for Graduate Applicants](#).
- D. Provide immunization records, which may be uploaded directly into the application portal after submitting the online application. See [Proof of Immunization Information](#).
- E. **International Students Only:** Submit TOEFL scores (Test of English as a Foreign Language.) For further instructions, see [Required Admissions Materials for International Graduate Students](#).

2. Program Specific Submission Requirements.

The following items need to be uploaded into the application system before an application can be reviewed by the department.

A. Brief resume or curriculum vitae

B. A letter of intent that includes the following information.

Discuss your undergraduate academic and research experiences (if any). How did your undergraduate degree prepare you for graduate school? If you have any research experience please discuss this in detail.

What are your career goals? How would obtaining a MS degree from Southeastern Louisiana University help you achieve these goals? Why do you want to attend Southeastern Louisiana University?

C. Recommendation letters: The application system will allow you to add in the contact information for two letter of recommendation writers. Once completed, the system will automatically email these individuals giving them a link to upload their letters of recommendation letter writers, at a minimum, should address the following three areas in your letter:

1. How does the recommender know you and for what length of time?
2. An overview of your intellectual ability, work ethic, creativity, and time-management skills as well as information on your ability to get along with others.

3. Comments on your writing and verbal communication skills

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