

**PLANT BIOLOGY M.S. DEGREE PROGRAM**  
**OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

- I. Requirements for admission to the Plant Biology M.S. degree program:
- A. Degree: An A.B., B.A., or B.S. from an accredited college or university.
  - B. Course Work: Forty (40) semester hours (or equivalent) in upper division course in biological and physical sciences.
  - C. Grade Point Average (GPA): A GPA of 3.0 (A = 4.0) or better in undergraduate courses taken is required for unconditional admission. A student with a GPA less than 3.0 may be given probational admission.
- II. Procedure for applying for admission to the Plant Biology M.S. degree program:
- A. Graduate School Application: A “GRADUATE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION” form and official transcripts of all college or university course work must be submitted directly to the Dean of the Graduate College. A non-refundable application fee must accompany application to Graduate College. A check or money order is to be made payable to the OSU Graduate College.
  - B. Letter: Submit a letter of purpose to the Department of Plant Biology, Ecology, and Evolution specifying the area of specialization in which you are interested, your qualifications and experience in this area, any additional plans for your graduate program, and what you plan to do when you complete the degree.
  - C. Recommendations: Have at least three individuals familiar with your work complete the enclosed evaluation forms or write letters of recommendation. These should be returned directly to the Department of Plant Biology, Ecology, and Evolution by the referees.
  - D. Graduate Record Examination: The GRE general test is required prior to admission. For entrance into the Master’s program, a verbal score of 450 and a quantitative score of 550 are required.
  - E. International Students: English Proficiency test scores (TOEFL) should be submitted by international students. An internet-based TOEFL (iBT) score of 79 is required for admission into the Master’s program. In order for an individual whose native language is not English to receive a teaching assistantship, he or she must score 26 or higher on the “speaking section” of the iBT. Students who score 21-25 must take and pass the OSU International Teaching Assistant (ITA) exam before being allowed to teach. Students who score 20 or less must undergo additional spoken English training before being allowed to take the ITA exam.