

# NATURAL SCIENCES (MS) - ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE TRACK (THESIS OPTION)

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## Admission Requirements

In addition to the Columbus State University Graduate School Admissions requirements, all interested applicants must submit the following materials to be considered for admission for all tracks in the Natural Sciences program.

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, demonstrated excellent preparation in the Biological, Chemical, Environmental and/or Geological Sciences or permission of the program director.
- Undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- A minimum combined score of 290 on the verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Exam. The GRE must have been taken in the last five years.
- A one page statement of experience and interests.
- Two letters of reference. References should come from persons familiar with the applicant's academic or professional experience.

## Additional Program Requirements

The maximum course load for a graduate student in a given semester is 12 semester hours. The maximum course load for a student holding a graduate assistantship is 10 semester hours.

Complete original, scientific research and write a comprehensive Master's thesis based on this research.

Give an oral presentation of their Master's thesis to a committee of approved reviewers in a forum open to the public.

Successfully defend their Master's thesis during a comprehensive oral examination.