

**Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST**

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DEPARTMENT: BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

COLLEGE: MEDICINE

PROGRAM NAME:

MASTER OF SCIENCE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

(PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

FALL 2016

Request

The Biomedical Science of College of Medicine requests the current listed GRE requirements to be changed in the University Catalog from “Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores of 150 (verbal) and 149 (quantitative)” to read “Competitive Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores.”

Rationale

This change will align the listed GRE requirements of the MS Biomedical Science program to be consistent with those listed for other science Masters Degrees programs listed at universities in Florida, including UCF and UNF, and across the country. This change will facilitate increased applications to the program from a greater diversity of students and will enable more flexible review of student applications.

Attachment

Current and Proposed catalog language

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Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.

<b>Approved by:</b> Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs: <u>Mark Kemp</u>	<b>Date:</b> <u>7/29/16</u>
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Graduate College Dean: _____	_____
UFS President: _____	_____
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## **Current Catalog Language**

### **Admission Requirements**

All program applicants must have an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 in the last 60 credits and Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores of 150 (verbal) and 149 (quantitative), or a quantitative-verbal combined score of 1000 on the original GRE general exam (scores are valid for five years). These are minimum requirements that are necessary for consideration for admission to the program. Higher scores will increase applicants' chances for admission. Prerequisites of the master's degree program include one year each of biology, chemistry and physics; one semester each of biochemistry and organic chemistry; and at least two upper-division biology classes. A personal statement explaining career goals is required as well as three letters of recommendation, at least two of which must be from former professors.

## **Proposed Catalog Language**

### **Admission Requirements**

All program applicants must have an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 in the last 60 credits and Competitive Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores (scores are valid for five years). These are minimum requirements that are necessary for consideration for admission to the program. Higher scores will increase applicants' chances for admission. Prerequisites of the master's degree program include one year each of biology, chemistry and physics; one semester each of biochemistry and organic chemistry; and at least two upper-division biology classes. A personal statement explaining career goals is required as well as three letters of recommendation, at least two of which must be from former professors.