BS/MS Eligibility Requirements

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How to apply to the BS/MS Program in Biology at UC San Diego

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current UC San Diego Undergraduate Student
- Current Biology Major
- 3.000 Overall UC GPA
- 3.300 Upper Division Biology GPA
- Enrolled in BISP 199, BISP 196, or BISP 193 for the final 1-3 undergraduate quarters

How to Apply:

- Find an eligible lab
- Apply for BISP 199, BISP 196, OR BISP 193 in your final 1 – 3 quarters as an undergraduate student
- Submit a Statement of Interest BEFORE the start of your final undergraduate quarter. It is recommended that students submit a Statement of Interest by week 5 in the quarter before their final quarter.
- Find an eligible second faculty member to serve on the MS Thesis Committee (the third member will be selected in the MS program). Eligible titles include Professor Emeritus, Distinguished Professor, Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, or Research Scientist with Lecturer appointment. For students with advisors not in the Division of Biological Sciences, the second committee member must be Biology faculty.
- Apply for the MS program

For detailed information, review the BS/MS Admissions webpage

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i Lab eligibility: The lab must be affiliated with UC San Diego. The lab faculty advisor (Principal Investigator) must have one of the following titles: Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Adjunct Professor, Professor Emeritus, Distinguished Professor; The lab must be able to host BS/MS students for the length of the BS/MS program (minimum 6 consecutive quarters)

ii Education track students enrolling in BISP 193 must be working with one of the following faculty advisors: Jon Armour, James Cooke, Barry Grant, Ashley Juavinett, Stanley Lo, Lisa McDonnell, Stephanie Mel, Melinda Owens, Katherine Petrie, or Ella Tour

iii Review the special studies course eligibility and application information.

iv Application instructions are on the BS/MS Admissions webpage, and the application portal will be sent through the VAC to students that submit a Statement of Interest