

# Admission Requirements

## Prerequisite Courses

Applicants must have undergraduate coursework in:

- Life sciences (two courses with labs)
- Physical science (two courses with labs)
- Statistics (one semester)

**Applicants who believe they may be missing an element are encouraged to apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis**, but should understand that they may be required to take one or more additional courses to meet the prerequisites of the program. Advanced Placement credit for any of the above required courses does count as a prerequisite.

## GRE Scores

Testing scores from the GRE are **no longer required as part of the EVSS application**. In order to be eligible for scholarships from the Graduate School, score submission is necessary. However, scores are unnecessary to qualify for EVSS program assistantships (teaching, graduate, and research) and program specific scholarships.

## Other Requirements

Other elements required to complete an application include:

- An overall undergraduate **GPA of 3.0** (on a 4 point scale)
- **Two letters of recommendation** that specifically address the applicant's academic qualifications and career potential in environmental studies. *Three letters are allowed and encouraged.*
- A **statement of goals** that describes the applicant's academic and professional aspirations during his/her time in the program. The essay should be **1-2 pages with 1-inch margins and single-spaced.**

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