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Designed for students planning to pursue careers in Biology or continue their training in PhD programs.



## Department of Biological Sciences

### College of Sciences

Dear {#First Name#},

Thank you for expressing an interest in our MS in Biology at Sam Houston State University. As your Graduate Program Director, I am pleased to have this opportunity to tell you a little bit more about this program of study.

Biology, the study of living things, is an exciting and dynamic field that offers many areas of focus. Graduate studies in the biological sciences provide opportunities to study viruses, bacteria, protists, fungi, plants, and animals, and to investigate the biochemical, physiological, anatomical, behavioral, or ecological processes that make each organism unique. Specific areas of faculty research interests include parasitology, systematics of insects and plants, vegetation mapping, animal, plant and bacterial physiology, cellular signal transduction, genomics, micro and macro evolution, vertebrate reproduction, animal mating systems, entomology, behavioral ecology, and ecology of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

The MS degree in Biology requires completion of a research based thesis project and allows for specialization in one of several areas of Biology. It is designed for those students planning to pursue careers in Biology or continue their training in PhD programs at other institutions or in professional schools. The MS degree in Biology is also appropriate for students planning a career with governmental agencies and industry.

The recommended dates for submitting your application are as follows: November 15 for Spring admission and April 15 for Fall admission. Although these dates are target dates, students are encouraged to complete the application process as early as possible. Please note that we use a sliding scale for admission: (200 x overall undergraduate GPA) (Averaged GRE percentile ranking) > 300.

Regarding financial support, we have a limited number of teaching assistantships available awarded on a competitive basis.

Please visit the [Master of Science in Biology program page](#) for a complete list of application requirements and detailed program information. All of our applications are submitted through the [Apply Texas](#) system and are processed by the Office of Graduate Admissions.

{#First Name#}, I hope to see your application for the upcoming term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Williams

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