

University of the Sciences Integrated Graduate Degree Program (IGDP) Application

Student Information

Student Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Class Year:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-U1 <input type="checkbox"/> U1 <input type="checkbox"/> U2 <input type="checkbox"/> U3 <input type="checkbox"/> P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/> P3 Note: Students may apply for IGDP as entering freshmen, entering transfer students, or as current students (prior to their 4 th year if in a B.S. track, prior to their 5 th year if in a professional master's degree track, or prior to their 6 th year if in a professional doctorate degree track.
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Cumulative College G.P.A. for transfer or current USciences student:

Minimum GPA of 3.25/4.00:

Cumulative High School G.P.A. for incoming freshman student:

Minimum GPA of 3.45/4.00:

SAT Scores: Combined Score _____

ACT Score: Combined Score _____

Math:

Verbal:

Written:

Combined SAT scores must be ≥ 1200 . Math and verbal score must be ≥ 550 or higher for each or comparable ACT score.

Graduate Program of Interest (Degree Track)

Graduate Program:	<p>Biochemistry: <input type="checkbox"/> MS(non-thesis) <input type="checkbox"/> MS(thesis) <input type="checkbox"/> PhD</p> <p>Bioinformatics: <input type="checkbox"/> MS(non-thesis)</p> <p>Biomedical Writing: <input type="checkbox"/> MS(non-thesis)</p> <p>Cancer Biology: <input type="checkbox"/> PhD</p> <p>Cell Biology and Biotechnology: <input type="checkbox"/> MS(professional) <input type="checkbox"/> MS(non-thesis) <input type="checkbox"/> MS(thesis)</p> <p>Cell and Molecular Biology: <input type="checkbox"/> PhD</p> <p>Chemistry: <input type="checkbox"/> MS(non-thesis) <input type="checkbox"/> MS(thesis) <input type="checkbox"/> PhD</p> <p>Health Policy: <input type="checkbox"/> MS(non-thesis) <input type="checkbox"/> PhD</p> <p>Pharmaceutics: <input type="checkbox"/> MS(non-thesis) <input type="checkbox"/> MS(thesis) <input type="checkbox"/> PhD</p> <p>Pharmacognosy: <input type="checkbox"/> MS(thesis) <input type="checkbox"/> PhD</p> <p>Pharmacology & Toxicology: <input type="checkbox"/> MS(thesis) <input type="checkbox"/> PhD</p> <p>Pharmacy Administration: <input type="checkbox"/> MS(non-thesis)</p>
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Recommendations (please attach recommendations to this form): List the names of three high school faculty members if you are an incoming freshman or, otherwise, three college faculty members who are willing to provide you with a letter of recommendation

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Written Letter Of Intent (please attach to this form): All applicants must submit an original essay of no more than 1000 words as to why they wish to enroll as a matriculated graduate student at USciences. This statement should explain the specific short- and long-term study and career goals that the program will help address. If the applicant is applying to be a MS(Thesis) or Ph.D student, the applicant must identify at least two of the program's faculty whose research interests align most closely with their own interests and describe why she/he perceives this to be so. This essay must be written solely by the applicant in her/his own words. Specific graduate programs may require an additional writing sample.

Notes

† If a student is applying to the IGDP as an entering freshman, s/he must provide the high school GPA, and SAT or ACT scores and high school faculty members' recommendations. Undergraduate transfer and current USciences students applying to the IGDP



must provide their college cumulative GPA, and SAT or ACT scores and college faculty members' recommendations.

Student Acknowledgement and Signature

I have read and agree to adhere to the integrated credit program policies. (Policies related to application are appended to this form. Students will be required to adhere to approved COGS policies regarding maintaining enrollment and graduation while in IGDP program.)

_____	_____
Student Signature	Date
Approved By	
_____	_____
Undergraduate Program Director	Date
_____	_____
Graduate Program Director	Date
_____	_____
Dean of Graduate Program	Date

Policies for Integrated Graduate Degree Program [IGDP]

1. The Integrated Graduate Degree Program [IGDP] provides qualified undergraduate students an opportunity to concurrently earn a graduate degree while earning an undergraduate/first professional degree. Such students will have both an undergraduate/first professional transcript and a graduate transcript.
2. Admission to IGDP programs is competitive and based on both the program availability and the academic record of the student. Normal standardized examinations (e.g., GRE, etc.) and normal programmatic entrance examinations will not be required of the IGDP applicants. Language examinations such as TOEFL may be required as per the Graduate Studies Policies and Procedures Manual.
3. IGDP applicants must return the application and supporting documents to the graduate admission office – Griffith Hall 130.
4. IGDP students are classified as undergraduate students until they complete their undergraduate/first professional degree requirements. They cannot obtain their graduate degree until they complete the undergraduate/first professional degree requirements. They cannot apply for or obtain graduate-level financial aid until they have first obtained their undergraduate degree.
5. IGDP students are encouraged to take graduate courses for which they meet the prerequisites. However, a course cannot be used to satisfy both the undergraduate/first professional degree requirements (i.e., no double dipping). Therefore, at the time of registration, the IGDP student must identify which courses should be placed on the graduate transcript and which should be placed on their undergraduate transcript. It is highly advised that the student discuss the registration options with both their undergraduate and graduate student program directors before making this decision.
6. Once placed on a transcript, it may be possible to move a course to another transcript (e.g., move a course from a graduate to an undergraduate transcript) but there may be a charge to do so. Moving such credits from one transcript to another transcript must be requested at least one semester prior to completing the



undergraduate/first professional degree requirements and requires the approval of both the undergraduate and graduate program directors as well as both the academic dean and the Dean of Graduate Program.

7. An IGDP student may take up to 15 graduate credits at the student's current undergraduate tuition rate after which all courses placed on the graduate transcript will be charged at the prevailing graduate tuition rate for this program. Since an undergraduate student who takes 12 to 20 credits per semester pays a flat full-time rate, then graduate level courses are free as long as the student does not exceed 20 credits total for the semester and the maximum of 15 graduate courses applied to the graduate transcript. If the student takes graduate-level courses and applies them to the graduate transcript such that the student would exceed the total of the 15 allowed graduate credits, the student will be billed for any credits that exceed this allowed amount at the current graduate rate, in addition to the part-time or full-time rates appropriate to the undergraduate/first professional degree program. The fifteen (15) graduate credits allowed for IGDP will include all graded credits, including grades of "W".
8. Students may not combine undergraduate/professional degree credits with IGDP credits to achieve full time student status.
9. An IGDP student should consult with the Financial Aid Office to ensure that they understand the ramifications of any courses that are applied towards a graduate degree on their financial aid award.
10. In order to maintain enrollment status as an IGDP student, the student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00/4.00 in both the undergraduate/first professional degree transcript and the graduate transcript. If the student falls below a cumulative GPA of 3.00/4.00 in either of their programs, they will be placed on academic probation and be given up to 3 consecutive semesters to raise their cumulative GPA in each program to a minimum of 3.00. Failure to obtain this minimum cumulative GPA within the 3 consecutive semesters or if the student obtains less than a 3.00 semester GPA in either or both of the undergraduate/first professional and/or graduate transcripts then the IGDP student will be administratively withdrawn from the graduate program – the student will remain in their undergraduate/first professional degree program as long as s/he continues to meet the minimum requirements for that program. Further, IGDP students who are removed from or leave their undergraduate degree program will also be removed from the graduate program. Students who are removed from a graduate program who later complete their undergraduate/first professional degree are eligible to apply for admission to a graduate program at USciences.
11. IGDP students must follow the policies and procedures established by the graduate faculty for all graduate programs as well as the specific policies for their graduate program.
12. Certain undergraduate majors are required to focus their efforts solely on their undergraduate/first professional degree during certain periods of their undergraduate programs and are not allowed to take graduate level courses during these times. IGDP students may not take graduate courses while enrolled in professional experiential programs.
13. Some graduate level courses are only taught on an every other year basis or upon demand. This may impact an IGDP student's ability to complete their degree in an early timeframe.