



Graduate Programs, M.S., M.A., Ph.D.

Graduate students at UC Merced will be able to pursue the Master of Arts, Master of Science, or Doctor of Philosophy degree. Emphasis areas will include:

- Chemistry and Materials Science
- Computer and Information Systems
- Environmental Sciences
- Quantitative Biology
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- World Cultures and History

Approach

Graduate education at UC Merced is organized around multidisciplinary graduate groups that will emphasize a highly interdisciplinary approach to research, and scholarship. The faculties of the three Schools have committed to work together to provide course offerings and research experiences that transcend disciplinary boundaries and attack important real world problems.

Message from Keith Alley Dean of Graduate Studies

Graduate Education is an experience in learning the processes of discovery. Be it in the field, laboratory, museum or library students will learn how to identify, research and objectively analyze major problems of interest to society. As a natural laboratory for research of international import, the San Joaquin Valley is defined by the diversity of its people and its dependence on the adjacent Sierra Nevada Mountains. These elements offer a critical venue for a broad palette of studies that span from the humanities to the natural sciences. UC Merced ties with both Yosemite and Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks and with the Lawrence Livermore National Lab provide abundant opportunities for graduate students to interact.

Admission Requirements for Graduate Studies

- Baccalaureate or equivalent degree
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- GRE Scores
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Foreign applicants must score 600 on the TOEFL or equivalent

How to Apply for Graduate Studies

Students seeking admission to a graduate group should:

- STEP 1: On-line or paper application.
- STEP 2: One page *Statement of Purpose* addressing your area of interest, background, and ideas for future goals.
- STEP 3: Three letters of recommendation. At least two letters should be from individuals at academic institutions (addressing scholastics, job/internships, research, character, etc.).
- STEP 4: General Record Exam (GRE).
- STEP 5: TOEFL exam for international students.
- STEP 6: Send official transcripts with explanation of grading systems.
- STEP 7: Application fee of \$60 (payable to "U.C. Regents") must be received before Admission Committee review.
- STEP 8: Scholarship award letter [English and U.S. dollars] if applicable.
- STEP 9: It is recommended that applicants submit a one-page resume if they have additional information to be viewed by the Admissions Committee (work experience, internships, teaching assistantships, etc).

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