Program Overview

The M.S. in Biotechnology, located on the Abilene & Lubbock campuses, is a 21 month Master of Science degree offered through the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Our Master’s program prides itself on offering a blend of business, science, and technology in the academic setting and a wide variety of funded research opportunities in our friendly and collaborative environment. Internal or external internships complete our research requirements.

Those with a strong entrepreneurial spirit may be interested in our dual MS/MBA program administered in cooperation with TTU.

Students admitted to the JD program at TTU or the MD program at TTUHSC may also receive dual degrees with an MS in Biotechnology, and 12 shared credits.

Students with a desire to continue in a Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. program at TTUHSC will have completed most of the core requirements and some electives.

Check us out at: https://www.ttuhsc.edu/biomedical-sciences/biotechnology/program.aspx

Requirements:

- Science-based undergraduate background
- GRE
- Final U.S. Transcripts (with GPA)
- TOEFL or IELTS (International Students)
- Transcript Evaluation (for International Students Only)
- Application can be found at: http://www.bioraider.com
- Application Deadline: May 1
- Program Locations: Abilene or Lubbock, TX campuses

Application Information:

Applicants should submit the following required documents:

- Completed application
- At least 2 letters of recommendation
- Official transcript(s) from all school(s)
- Admissions Information: https://www.ttuhsc.edu/biomedical-sciences/academics/admissions.aspx
- Application Instructions: https://www.ttuhsc.edu/biomedical-sciences/apply

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Abilene, TX
Lubbock, TX
Master’s of Biotechnology

Biotechnology is currently one of the most exciting scientific career opportunities. The job market is expanding to create solutions that harness the power of biotechnology to tackle issues in health & medicine.

Abilene campus:
The Department of Immunotherapeutics and Biotechnology faculty members are well-funded by the NIH, CPRIT, DOD, and private foundations, all with primary membership in the GSBS Biotechnology program. The research conducted in the Department is highly translational with an emphasis on cancer biology, cancer immunology and immunotherapy, nanoparticle drug delivery, the tumor microenvironment and drug screening. An open concept laboratory space promotes collaboration between research groups and full utilization of research infrastructure and specialized equipment.

www.ttuhsc.edu/pharmacy/immunotherapeutics-biotechnology/

Lubbock campus:
Biotechnology members on the Lubbock campus are faculty in our basic science and clinical departments. As such, they represent a wide variety of research areas including: addiction, Alzheimer's disease, cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, HIV, immunology, neurobiology, pain, parasitology, protein biophysics, reproductive biology, role of microbiota in GI disorders, transporter function, virology and vision.

https://www.ttuhsc.edu/biomedical-sciences/biotechnology/faculty.aspx

Overview of the Biotechnology Program

Students in the 21-month M.S. program complete the Biotechnology curriculum in the first year, which consists of classwork and lab rotations. After two semesters, students are matched to a TTUHSC lab and conduct research or obtain an internship with a company in the biotechnology industry. A very attractive feature of the program is its reasonable cost.

http://www.fiscal.ttuhsc.edu/studentbusserv/description_of_tuition_and_fees.aspx

The cost of tuition/fees is partially offset by a scholarship in the first year of the program and by a paid research assistantship after two semesters (TTUHSC RA = $25,000 annually, for 11+ months). The cost of living in West Texas is among the lowest in the United States.

Students have the option of completing a non-thesis or thesis project during the second year. More information about the program and curriculum can be found at:

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Curriculum

First Year

Fall Semester

GSBS 5471 Core I: Molecules
GSBS 5372 Core II: Cells
GSBS 5373 Core III: Genes
GSBS 5174 Core IV: Biomedical Seminar
GSBS 5020 Biotechnology Laboratory Methods

Spring Semester

GBTC 6101 Biotechnology Seminar
GBTC 6202 Biomedical Informatics
GBTC 6301 Introduction to Biotechnology
GBTC 5101 Responsible Conduct of Research
GSBS 5350 Laboratory Methods (rotations)
Elective (optional)

Summer Semester

Lab Option
GBTC 7000 Research

Industry Option
GBTC 6001 Biotechnology Internship

Fall Semester

Lab Option
GBTC 7000 Research
GBTC 5199 Biotechnology Report
Elective (Optional)

Industry Option
GBTC 6001 Biotechnology Internship
GBTC 5299 Biotechnology Report

Spring Semester

Lab Option
GBTC 7000 Research
GBTC 5299 Biotechnology Final Report
Elective (Optional)

Industry Option
GBTC 6001 Biotechnology Internship
GBTC 5299 Biotechnology Final Report

Selected Electives

GBTC 5210 The Microbiome-Role in Health and Disease
GBTC 5212 Fundamentals of Bacteriology
GBTC 5213 Fundamentals of Virology/Parasitology
GBTC 5214 Fundamentals in Immunology
GBTC 5340 Biology of Cancer
GBCM 6320 Advanced Cell Biology
GBCM 6333 Advanced Protein Biochemistry
GMBP 5302 Human Physiology
GSBS 5310 Introduction to Statistical Methods
GSBS 5399 Topics in Biomedical Sciences