Fiber & Polymer Science

This multidisciplinary program brings together the disciplines of mathematics, chemistry, physics, and engineering for the development of the independent scholars versed in the fields of polymer, fiber, and textile science. The program is coordinated by the Wilson College of Textiles and leads to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

The polymer, fiber, and textile sciences are concerned with polymeric materials and fibers produced from them; textile assemblies in one, two, and three-dimensional forms; and the chemistry of dyeing, finishing, and other wet processes. This broad field of study permits a wide range of useful concentrations. The candidate is expected to concentrate in one area and to acquire a reasonable perspective in other relevant areas. Generally, a student specializes in the areas of (1) polymer chemistry and synthesis, (2) fiber and polymer physics and physical chemistry, (3) the production, processing and properties of fibrous materials, or (4) chemistry of dyes, finishes, and their processes. The student’s research is usually based within one of these areas or another suitable one.

Admission Requirements

Students with a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in a related field may apply to the Fiber and Polymer Science program. Typically the minimum acceptable overall grade point average (GPA) is a 3.0 out of 4.0, based on most current U.S. universities. Students without a master’s degree may also apply if met the following conditions:

1. the undergraduate degree from a well-known and robust research active program with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above;
2. strong recommendation letters from faculty adviser(s) indicating research experience or suggesting research potential; and
3. strong publication record/experience or extensive industry experience in related industry/profession.

Applicants should plan to take the GRE or GMAT examination, which is required for all applicants. The GRE/GMAT scores should be sent to NC State University electronically and be available online.

For International students, TOEFL or IELTS is required for the application. Students must rank in a competitive percentile in order to be considered for acceptance into NC State University.

- TOEFL: A total score of 80+ on IBT. Minimum scores of 18 points for each section; or
- IELTS: An overall band score of 6.5+. Minimum scores of 6.5 points for each section

Scholarships and Assistantships

Competitive scholarships and assistantships from the program as well as the university are available to incoming new students. All incoming students will be considered for the funding opportunities. No separate application for assistantships/scholarships is needed.

Degrees

- Fiber and Polymer Science (PhD) (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/textiles/fiber-polymer-science/fiber-polymer-science-phd/)
- Fiber and Polymer Sciences (Minor) (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/textiles/fiber-polymer-science/fiber-polymer-science-minor/)

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