

BIOINFORMATICS (MS)

Department Website (<https://engineering.nyu.edu/academics/programs/bioinformatics-ms-online/>)

NYSED: 24764 **HEGIS:** 1999.20 **CIP:** 26.1103

Program Description

Revolutionary changes are taking place in how we interpret health and treat disease. With extraordinary advances in both gene sequencing and machine learning, the bioinformatics field is expanding exponentially and creating a myriad of opportunities for professionals with in-depth knowledge of techniques for mastering complex data.

In NYU Tandon's Bioinformatics Master of Science program, students will build strong skills in molecular biology and big data analysis. Develop solutions to critical challenges throughout medicine and the life sciences by learning to utilize genomic information and next generation sequence analysis tools.

By creating and advancing algorithms, utilizing computational and statistical techniques, and applying theory, students can solve practical problems that arise in the management of biological data. Prepare to make significant contributions to society through groundbreaking innovations in cancer care, vaccine design, agriculture, and energy.

Admissions

To ensure the most efficient application processing, submit your application before sending documents or submitting test scores.

Mailing Address

(For all application documents. Please note that this is our document processing center in Pennsylvania):

NYU Tandon School of Engineering
Graduate Admissions Processing Center
458 Pike Road
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Cyber Fellows applicants can review application requirements here. (<https://engineering.nyu.edu/academics/programs/cybersecurity-ms-online/nyu-cyber-fellows/>) All other applicants, review the requirements below.

Personal Essay

As part of your application, you are expected to provide a response, in written form, to two prompts. A response to both prompts is required. This is an opportunity for you to give us a stronger sense of who you are, as a person. Your essay should be as unique as you are and should be written using your own voice. Include each prompt as the header for each of your two responses. When finished, combine your response to both prompts into one single PDF and upload it to the application. Your total essay upload should be 12 pt, Arial font and no more than two pages, double-spaced, in length.

Prompt 1: Drawing from your previous academic, professional and personal experiences, tell us what attracted you to the program of study you have noted in your application. Be very specific about your past experiences and how they shaped your interests.

Prompt 2: Students often have a wide range of ideas and plans for what they hope to achieve after they receive their graduate degree. Tell us what your 5-year plan is after completing a degree from NYU Tandon.

Resume

A copy of your most recent résumé or curriculum vitae must be uploaded to the online application.

Official Transcripts and Degree Conferral

For admissions review, we will accept copies of your official transcript and proof of undergraduate degree (if completed) uploaded to your application or emailed to us at engineering.gradinfo@nyu.edu. Screenshots or student portal downloads will not be accepted or used in your application review. Please note that we require transcripts from all institutions attended.

If you are offered admission, we will require official final transcripts sent to our office directly from your undergraduate institution to finalize your admission, prior to enrollment in your first semester. To satisfy this requirement, we will accept hard copy/physical transcripts, or electronic transcripts. No scanned copies will be accepted once you've been admitted.

A hard copy or physical transcript is considered official when it is in a sealed, unopened envelope mailed directly from your previous institution to NYU Tandon. An electronic transcript is considered official if it is sent through a digital credential service such as Parchment, Student Clearinghouse, Credential Solutions or a similar, secure third-party platform, or emailed directly from your institution's registrar's office.

English Language Proficiency Testing

All applicants to the NYU Tandon School of Engineering for graduate study must demonstrate excellent English language skills in reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension. Proficiency will be determined by the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)* (<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>), International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (<https://ielts.org/take-a-test/>), Duolingo English Test (<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/applicants/>), Cambridge Assessment English (<https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/qualifications/general/>), or Pearson PTE Academic (<http://pearsonpte.com/test-takers/test/>) exams. You must submit your English language proficiency scores electronically via the testing agency. The name and date of birth on your test scores must match the name and date of birth on your application, in order for us to receive your scores correctly.

The Office of Graduate Enrollment Management and Admissions reserves the right to request proof of English competency from any applicant. At least one of these exams is required for:

1. All International applicants (those who have or will request a visa) OR
2. Applicants whose first language is not English and/or who have not completed a bachelor's degree in the United States.

The NYU Tandon School of Engineering requires that graduate applicants achieve a minimum TOEFL score of 90 on the internet-based test, an overall band of 7.0 on IELTS, a score of 125 on the Duolingo English Test, a 65 on the Pearson PTE Academics exam, or a C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency on the Cambridge Assessment English exam.

The NYU Tandon School of Engineering TOEFL institution code is 2668. Please send electronic IELTS scores to New York University Tandon

School of Engineering (<https://www.ielts.org/en-us/usa/ielts-for-test-takers/results/>).

TOEFL, IELTS, and PTE scores are valid for two years. The test must be taken again if your score is older than two years at the time of application submission.

ETS offers at-home testing for the TOEFL. Please visit their website here for more information and to see if you are eligible for this option: TOEFL iBT Home Edition (<https://www.ets.org/toefl/test-takers/ibt/why/options/>)

Applicants may request a waiver of English Language Proficiency Testing for special cases by submitting a waiver request form. If you have only attended a US institution for four years and earned a bachelor's degree, or two years, and earned a master's degree, you will automatically be reviewed for a waiver and do not need to submit a waiver request form. If you have attended both a US school and a school outside of the US, please submit a waiver. This request will be reviewed only after transcripts have been received.

Deadlines to submit your waiver request are below:

All Applicants

Fall: March 1

Spring: November 15

Recommendations

You are required to send two recommendations; we will accept up to three. Recommendations should be provided by professors, employers, supervisors, or others (no friends or relatives) who are able to comment on your academic achievements, research potential and your professional goals. We ask that you input your recommender's information into the online application and they will be prompted to complete a recommendation form electronically. Additionally, there is an option to submit a recommendation letter along with the recommendation form. The letter is optional and not required. Please note that if the optional recommendation letter is submitted, it MUST be on professional letterhead and come from the recommender's company or university email address. Recommendation letters received outside of these requirements will be subject to further review and asked to be resubmitted in order to meet our requirements.

Special Notes from the Office of Graduate Admissions

- Due to the volume of applications and related materials received, the Office of Graduate Admissions will only contact you if your application was successfully submitted and is deemed incomplete because of missing required materials. Otherwise, you will hear from us when a decision has been rendered.
- All graduate programs at NYU Tandon School of Engineering are considered STEM Programs based on the government classification (CIP codes) and are available for the STEM OPT extension. The STEM OPT extension is a 24-month period of temporary training that directly relates to an F-1 student's program of study in an approved STEM field. Eligible F-1 students with STEM degrees who finish their program of study and participate in an initial period of regular 12-month post-completion OPT have to option to apply for this extension for a total OPT period of 36 months. More information on STEM OPT at NYU. ([http://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-](http://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/student-visa-and-immigration/alumni/extend-your-opt/stem-opt.html)

[resources/student-visa-and-immigration/alumni/extend-your-opt/stem-opt.html](http://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/student-visa-and-immigration/alumni/extend-your-opt/stem-opt.html))

Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 30 credits, comprised of the following:

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
BI-GY 7453	Algorithms and Data Structures for Bioinformatics	3
BI-GY 7653	NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCE ANALYSIS FOR BIOINFORMATICS	3
BI-GY 7663	Problem Solving For Bioinformatics	3
BI-GY 7673	Applied Biostatistics for Bioinformatics	3
BI-GY 7683	Biology and Biotechnology for Bioinformatics	3
BI-GY 7743	Machine Learning and Data Science for Bioinformatics	3
Concentration Courses		
Select one of the following concentrations:		3-6
Laboratory Science		
BI-GY 7543	Proteomics for Bioinformatics	
Translational Science		
BI-GY 7693	Population Genetics and Evolutionary Biology for Bioinformatics	
BI-GY 7733	Translational Genomics and Computational Biology	
Capstone		
BI-GY 810X	Bioinformatics Capstone ^{1,2}	3-6
Electives		
Select up to six credits of the following: ³		6
BI-GY 7573	Special Topics in "Informatics in Chemical and Biological Sciences"	
BI-GY 7633	Transcriptomics	
BI-GY 7753	BIOINFORMATICS GUIDED STUDIES	
Electives from Other NYU Schools ³		
BMIN-GA 3007	Deep Learning for Biomedical Data	
BMIN-GA 4498		
INTER-MD 237190		
Total Credits		30

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All students, admitted Fall 2023 an onward are required to take BI-GY 810X Bioinformatics Capstone.

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Students may enroll in the capstone course across multiple semesters for a total of up to 9 credits.

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These courses from the Graduate School of Arts & Science (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/>) and the Grossman School of Medicine (<https://med.nyu.edu/research/vilcek-institute-graduate-biomedical-sciences/ms-biomedical-informatics/academics/>) may count as electives.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
BI-GY 7453	Algorithms and Data Structures for Bioinformatics	3
BI-GY 7663	Problem Solving For Bioinformatics	3
Credits		6
2nd Semester/Term		
BI-GY 7653	NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCE ANALYSIS FOR BIOINFORMATICS	3
BI-GY 7673	Applied Biostatistics for Bioinformatics	3
Credits		6
3rd Semester/Term		
BI-GY 7683	Biology and Biotechnology for Bioinformatics	3
BI-GY XXXX	Concentration Course	3
Credits		6
4th Semester/Term		
BI-GY 7743	Machine Learning and Data Science for Bioinformatics	3
BI-GY XXXX	Concentration OR Elective Course	3
Credits		6
5th Semester/Term		
BI-GY 810X	Bioinformatics Capstone	3-6
Elective		3
Credits		6
Total Credits		30

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In rare cases, students may take BI-GY 810X Bioinformatics Capstone for up to 9 credits, in which one to two less electives are taken.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Perform Big Data of Omics datasets. This includes scalable applications.
2. Demonstrate command of R & Bioconductor, Python & Biopython, as well as UNIX to process, analyze, and maintain quality control of biological data.
3. Demonstrate command of the fundamentals of Bioinformatics & Computational Biology with Biologist, Computer Scientist, as well as Statisticians through written or verbal communication.
4. Demonstrate understanding of fundamental concepts of mathematics and computer science as they relate to Bioinformatics & Computational Biology.
5. Solid knowledge of Bioinformatics & Computational Biology resources and tools for research and analysis.
6. Application of Next Generation Sequence Analysis, Machine Learning and Translational Genomics in healthcare.

Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

Tandon Policies

Additional academic policies can be found on the Tandon academic policy page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/engineering/academic-policies/>).