ALM in Bioengineering & Nanotechnology
- Thesis track

ALM in Biotechnology
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30 AVERAGE AGE
- 41% < 30
- 46% 31 - 40
- 13% 41+

DEGREE CANDIDATES
- 146

AGE BREAKDOWN

WHILE EARNING THE DEGREE
- 79% Live in MA
- 20% Live Outside of MA
- 1% Live Outside of U.S.

Female: 52%
Male: 48%

91% OF STUDENTS ARE EMPLOYED FULL-TIME WHILE EARNING THE DEGREE

REASONS FOR PURSUING DEGREE
- 3% Career Change
- 7% Personal Enrichment

45% Career Advancement

45% Deepen Expertise

YEARS OF STUDENTS FULL TIME WORK EXPERIENCE
- 1-4 years: 25%
- 5-10 years: 56%
- 11-20 years: 19%

79% OF STUDENTS HAVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD

BIOTECHNOLOGY GRADUATE CERTIFICATES
- Bioinformatics
- Biotechnology Management
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Project Management

AVG # OF COURSES TAKEN PER SEMESTER
- 1 Course: 20%
- 2 Courses: 44%
- 3 Courses: 36%

97% Of Recent Grads Would Recommend the Program

GRADUATION RATE: 77%
AVERAGE TIME TO GRADUATION: 5 YEARS

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Meet ALM Biotechnology Graduate, Alia Qatarneh.

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Now, with ALM in hand, I am the Site Director of the same program.

Earning an ALM has given me the opportunity to become a Program Manager and Site Director. Enrolling in the Biotechnology ALM Program allowed me to connect with many professionals in the biotech sectors of both academia and industry.

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Given that many graduate students work full-time, it can sometimes be difficult to find community within HES. My advice for biotech degree candidates is to create your own. Connect with classmates and teaching assistants outside of class, join the Harvard Biotech Club, and attend open seminars and talks hosted by various departments across campus.

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Biotechnology Graduate Certificates

- Bioinformatics
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- 1 course: 76%
- 2 courses: 20%
- 3 courses: 4%

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Graduation Rate

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Average Time to Graduation

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Where Some Graduates Have Gone on to Work

- Boston Children’s Hospital
- Harvard University
- New England Biolabs
- Merck
- Boston University
- Pfizer
- Genzyme
- Novartis
- Hologic
- Biogen

Select Job Titles Held by Our Graduates

- Data Scientist
- Antibody Engineer
- Quality Specialist
- Senior Purification Scientist
- Research Pharmacist
- Director of Technology
- Biomedical Specialist
- Environmental Health and Safety Specialist
- Product Manager

Graduates Have Gone on to Continue Their Studies at

- Oxford University
- University of Wisconsin
Benefits of Being a Degree Candidate

- Personal academic advising & pre-degree advising
- Career resources and individual career counseling through Harvard's Office of Career Services
- Paid research opportunities alongside Harvard faculty
- Earn a graduate certificate while earning the degree

Alumni Spotlight

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**How has earning a degree from HES helped you professionally?**
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