

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

The School of Biological Sciences offers two distinct programs leading to the M.S. in Biology degree. The M.S. in Biology (non-thesis) is intended for students who plan to pursue advanced training in one aspect of modern biology. The M.S. in Biology (with thesis) is intended for students wishing to obtain a strong background in modern biology and independent research experience in preparation for a wide range of career options, or further training leading to the PhD in biology. Students admitted to the Masters degree program in the School of Biological Sciences are enrolled in a non-thesis program of study. If a student wishes to obtain a Masters degree with Thesis, they may petition the Graduate Committee for approval along with support from their thesis advisor.

Biology Graduate Programs Website

Non-Thesis Option

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Biology graduate courses (6000-9000-level) ¹		15
Other graduate courses (6000-9000-level; may be outside of BIOL) ¹		9
Other Biology courses (4000-level or higher) ¹		6
BIOL 8901	Special Problems	4
BIOL 8002 & BIOL 8003	Seminar and Seminar	2
Total Credit Hours		36

¹ Must be letter grade

Thesis Option

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Biology graduate courses (6000-9000-level) ¹		12
BIOL 7000	Master's Thesis	9
Other Biology courses (4000-level or higher) ¹		6
BIOL 8901	Special Problems	7
BIOL 8002 & BIOL 8003	Seminar and Seminar	2
Total Credit Hours		36

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