**Biology**

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See also Animal Biology; Biochemistry; Cell and Developmental Biology; Entomology; Microbiology; Molecular and Integrative Physiology; and Plant Biology

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Major: Biology
Degrees Offered: M.S., Ph.D.

**Graduate Degree Programs**

The M.S. in Biology allows students to increase their knowledge of biology and become involved with graduate-level research in biology without the long-term commitment of a Ph.D. program. The work is personally designed by each student in consultation with an adviser. Breadth of training is encouraged.

**Admission**

The Master of Science in Biology Program is being phased out and is no longer accepting applications or transfer students.

**Financial Aid**

Financial assistance is not available to M.S. students through the program.

**Master of Science in Biology**

To maintain active status in the program students must register for 12 credit hours in 400- or 500-level biology courses per semester. If a student has a teaching or research appointment he or she may register for 8 credit hours. A research report or thesis is required of all candidates for the degree. To maintain active status in the program students must register for 12 credit hours in 400- or 500-level biology courses per semester. If a student has a teaching or research appointment he or she may register for 8 credit hours. A research report or thesis is required of all candidates for the degree.

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**Other Requirements**

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum 500-level Hours Required | 12 |

Overall:

Courses taken "credit/no credit" may not be used toward degree requirements

Courses taken outside of the Schools must be approved in advance by the Program Director

Approval of research topic is required

Minimum GPA: 3.0

1 For additional details and requirements refer to the program requirements (http://www.life.illinois.edu) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).