**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.

**Thesis Option**

Thesis Hours Required – 599 (min/max applied toward degree): 4-8

Total Hours 32

**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

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**Non-Thesis Option**

Research/Project/Independent Study Hours (min/max applied toward degree) 4-8

Total Hours 32

**Other Requirements**

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum 500-level Hours Required 12

Overall:

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