MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PLANT BIOLOGY

Non-Thesis Option
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Overall: 12
Minimum GPA: 3.0

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Thesis Option
Plant Biology Thesis option: The requirement of a thesis for the
M.S. degree in Plant Biology is determined in consultation with the
candidate’s adviser. The program is normally completed within two years.
Candidates are expected to complete at least 32 semester hours of
graduate coursework and research agreed upon with a faculty adviser.

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