INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY, MS

for the degree of Master of Science in Integrative Biology

The Master of Science in Integrative Biology (MS in IB) provides students with a non-thesis, course-based advanced degree program opportunity. Students in the MS program have the ability to enhance their skill sets within IB upper-level courses through our world-class educational experiences, without having to invest in a required and timely research component for the degree. Students will thus be able to graduate in one year with a degree making them more competitive for employment and future research opportunities.

This program mainly serves students who are in a gap year between undergraduate programs and either employment or future graduate-level programs. With the ability to hone skills in critical thinking, communication, laboratory practices, and scientific knowledge this program affords students the ability to make effective use out of such a year.

The MS in IB program offers advanced coursework in fields such as organismal biology, behavioral ecology, anatomy and physiology, environmental science, bioinformatics, pathology, genomics, and mathematical modeling to name just a few. With a world-class advanced environment students have the ability to enhance their skill sets with a non-thesis, course-based advanced degree program opportunity. The Master of Science in Integrative Biology (MS in IB) provides students for the degree of Master of Science in Integrative Biology

In the MS program, students must complete 32 hours of coursework as follows:

**Core Curriculum Hours Required**

IB 592 Career and Skill Development in Integrative Biology 12-24

At least one course from two of the following three IB disciplinary areas and one additional course with a laboratory and/or field component.

- IB 401, IB 427, IB 444, IB 451, IB 461, IB 462, IB 463, IB 464, IB 467, IB 468, IB 471, IB 481, IB 482, IB 494

- Lab/Field courses include: IB 401, IB 427, IB 444, IB 451, IB 461, IB 462, IB 463, IB 464, IB 467, IB 468, IB 471, IB 481, IB 482, IB 494

**Area 1: Organismal and Evolutionary Biology**

IB 401, IB 461, IB 462, IB 463, IB 464, IB 471

**Area 2: Behavior, Ecology and the Environment**


**Area 3: Integrative anatomy, Physiology and Molecular Biology**

IB 420, IB 421, IB 426, IB 427, IB 472, IB 473

**Elective Hours Required**

6-8

**MS in IB approved list of courses below, or courses from the any of the Areas above that did not fulfill another requirement, or upon approval from the program director.**


**Minimum 500-level Hours Required**

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<td>Maximum hours of IB 590 allowed to count toward the MS in IB degree</td>
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