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 degree from the University of Illinois, our students are better prepared to enter the workforce and thus have higher earning potential.

The MS in IB program degree requires a minimum of two full-time semesters. Students may take up to two years to complete their degree.

See approved course list at: https://sib.illinois.edu/graduate/msib/.

For additional details and requirements refer to the MS in IB website (https://sib.illinois.edu/graduate/msib/) and the Graduate College Handbook (https://grad.illinois.edu/handbooks-policies.html).