REQUIREMENTS FOR AN M.S. IN BIOLOGY

(applies to both co-terminal* and regular M.S. degrees)

A. With Thesis

21-26 Credits of Coursework
4-9 Credit MS thesis
TOTAL: 30 Credits

NOTES:
1. The MS thesis is typically a laboratory research project undertaken with a faculty mentor. An MS thesis must be approved by an MS thesis committee and must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Education for binding.
2. Of the 30 credits, 15 or more (including the thesis) must be at the 6000 level, with the rest at 4000 or above.
3. Of the 30 credits, 15 or more must have the BIOL or BCBP prefix.

B. Without Thesis

21-26 Credits of Coursework
2-9 Credit MS project
TOTAL: 30 Credits

NOTES:
1. The MS project may involve laboratory research project undertaken with a faculty mentor, or it may be a non-research project supervised by a faculty mentor.
2. Of the 30 credits, 15 or more (including the project) must be at the 6000 level, with the rest at 4000 or above.
3. Of the 30 credits, 15 or more must have the BIOL or BCBP prefix.

* NOTE: for the co-terminal M.S., courses CANNOT count toward both the M.S. and B.S. degrees. You must review your CAPP report to ensure that the courses you need to complete your B.S. degree are different from those you will use to complete your M.S. degree.

** ADDITIONAL NOTE: For students who start in the PhD program, but who switch to the MS program, the Core Course, Seminar Course, and Rotation “Courses” all count as Coursework – so the typical first year student will have 18 credits of coursework, and will need an additional 12 credits (including a thesis or a project) to graduate.

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