Degree Offerings & Requirements

PhD in Biological Sciences

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 96 from the baccalaureate.
- **Course Work** At least 22 credit hours of 400- and 500-level courses are required. A minimum of 8 semester hours of 500-level courses must be letter-graded courses (A to F), not project (BIOS 597), thesis (BIOS 599), or seminar courses which are graded Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U).
- **Preliminary Examination** Required.
- **Dissertation** Required. Students must earn at least 32 hours in BIOS 599.

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MS in Biological Sciences

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

Two tracks are available, research or course work. (Note: Until further notice, no new students will be admitted to the course work track.)

**Research Track**

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 32.
- **Course Work** At least 24 credit hours of 400- and 500-level courses are required. A minimum of 9 credit hours of 500-level courses must be letter-graded courses (A to F), not project (BIOS 597), thesis (BIOS 598), or seminar courses which are graded Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U).
- **Comprehensive Final Examination** Required. The examination typically includes an oral presentation and defense of the research thesis.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Thesis required. No other options are available.
  - Thesis: Students must earn at least 5 credit hours of BIOS 598.

**Course Work Track**

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 32.
- **Course Work** At least 24 credit hours of 400- and 500-level courses are required. A minimum of 9 credit hours of 500-level courses must be letter-graded courses (A to F), not project
(BIOS 597), thesis (BIOS 598), or seminar courses which are graded Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U).

- **Comprehensive Final Examination** Required. The examination typically includes an oral presentation of the project.
- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Project required. No other options are available.
  - *Project*: Students must take at least 5 semester hours of BIOS 597.

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