

Requirements for Degree and Suggested Timeline

B.S. to M.S

Funding: Funded M.S. students in good standing should expect continued funding for two (2) years; support for the 5th semester is not certain; support beyond the 5th semester will not generally be endorsed by the Graduate Committee or Department.

1. Course and Credit-hour Requirements

- 30 cr. hr. total (Plan I); 34 cr. hr. total (Plan II).
 - no more than 12 cr. hr. at 5000 level.
 - at least 18 cr. hr. at 6000 level or above (Biol. 6910 hours don't count).
 - at least 10 cr. hr. of formal, letter graded, lecture/exam course work.
- Specific coursework required.
 - 3-6 cr. hr. Biol. 6990 (once started continuous registration, except non-credit hour summers, until degree completed) - Plan I only (Biol. 6910 hours don't count).
 - Biol. 6010 Biodocumentation.
 - Biol. 6020 Biodocumentation II (Plan II only).
 - Biol. 7810 Department Seminar (at least 1 cr. hr.).
 - One of core courses (Biol. 6210, 6510 or Psysc. 7100)

2. Maintain Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above (at all times -- failure here will put you on probation for a semester and if not at 3.0 or above at the end of probationary semester -- you're out).

3. Tentative Degree Program (filed no later than end of second semester; 7800's can be lumped together; 7830's can be lumped together; 6990's lumped together at 3-6 cr. hrs.)

4. Research Proposal (Proposal submitted to student's advisory committee at least one week before proposal meeting) (Plan I only).

5. Research Proposal Meeting and Topic Approval (by end of second semester) (Plan I only).

6. Preliminary draft of thesis to committee (at least one week before defense) (Plan I only).

7. Thesis Defense (at least five weeks before graduation; must be announced to faculty at least two weeks before defense date) (Plan I only).

8. Comprehensive Exam (at least 3-4 weeks before graduation) (Plan II only).

9. Error-free copy of thesis to Graduate College (Plan I - check calendar for deadline).

10. Biology Department Exit Interview/form completed and turned in with CV to Graduate Secretary before leaving campus.