

M.S. Graduate Program Curriculum

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Year 1, Semester 1	Credits
Molecular and Organismal Biology I (BIOL 645)	5
Elective	3
Seminar (BIOL 690)	0
Year 1, Semester 2	Credits
Molecular and Organismal Biology II (BIOL 647)	3
Ethics in Biology (BIOL 674)	1
Seminar (BIOL 690)	1
Elective	3
Year 2, Semester 1	Credits
Elective	3
Advanced Topic** or Elective	2 - 3
Seminar (BIOL 690)	1
Graduate Research in Biology (BIOL 680) or Elective	1 - 2
Year 2, Semester 2	Credits
Advanced Topic** or Elective	2 - 3
Graduate Research in Biology (BIOL 680) or Elective	5 - 6
Seminar (BIOL 690)	0

ELECTIVES: Biochemistry I is strongly suggested as an elective.

ADVANCED TOPICS: **M.S. students are required to take at least three 1-credit Advanced Topic short courses. Note: The topics for the courses change each semester.

SEMINARS: All graduate students are required to attend ALL departmental seminars each semester.

FULL-TIME STATUS: Eight (8) credits are considered full time for BSNEs graduate students.

RESEARCH CREDITS: Plan A M.S. students take research credits and Plan B M.S. students take electives to meet the 32 credit hour requirement.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS FOR DEGREES: 32 credit hours for an M.S.

CONTINUOUS REGISTRATION: Students must be registered for the semester in which their degree is awarded. For M.S. candidates, continuous registration can only be used upon completion of **all** M.S. course credits and thesis research credits. Continuous registration cannot be combined with a course for credit.

GRADUATION: Students planning on being up for graduation will complete the process with Heather Costello when they complete their normal registration.