

# BIOLOGY

## Master of Science (MS)

### Delivery Face to Face

This is a guide based on the 2025-2026 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their progress.

### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

#### 30 Hours Required

##### Required Courses:

- BY666 Experimental Design in Biology (3)
- Biology electives – choose 18 hours from BY515-600 level courses
- Electives – choose 6 hours of graduate level courses (500-600 level)

##### Choose One of the Following Areas

##### THESIS AREA:

- BY699 Thesis (3)
- GR699 Master's Oral Examination (0)

##### NON-THESIS AREA:

- GR699 Master's Oral Examination (0)

##### Choose 3 hours:

- BY583 Internship (1-3)
- BY591 Research in Biology (1-3)
- BY695 Literature Review in Biology (3)

### Degree Requirements

\* The curriculum of every graduate student in biology varies with their interests in biology, i.e., graduate students in biology often pinpoint a specific area of biological investigation and focus the majority of their attention toward developing their skills in that area of emphasis. Thus, no two curricula of graduate students will be the same. A graduate student in biology creates their degree plan (including course curriculum) with their advisor during their first semester in graduate school. This includes at least 30 total credit hours that are partially accomplished through credit hours of biology courses (BI, BO, BT, and/or ZO) However, there are courses that every graduate student in biology will have to complete for graduation.

### Admission Requirements

In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, applicants must have the following:

1. An undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale
2. Minimum 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale for the last 30 semester hours of undergraduate science and math courses
3. Faculty Sponsor Agreement
4. Two letters of recommendation addressing the applicant's potential for academic success. Letters are waived if a completed Faculty Sponsor Agreement for Curriculum A/Thesis is submitted.

For graduate studies admissions deadlines, visit <https://semo.edu/admissions/requirements/graduate.html>.

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