

## Curriculum Designation and Faculty Agreement Form

As an applicant for graduate studies in the Department of Biology at Southeast Missouri State University, it is important that you recognize and understand the two Masters of Science degree tracks offered by the Department of Biology. These tracks are termed Curriculum A (thesis) and B (non-thesis). The differences between these tracks are defined below:

- **Curriculum A:** A graduate program that culminates in the production of a considerable contribution to the primary literature in a chosen field of biology; also known as a thesis. The development and defense of a thesis is research intensive, but course work is also required.

**Curriculum A applicants MUST solicit a graduate faculty member in the Department of Biology to guide them through their thesis research and course scheduling. To demonstrate that this has been accomplished, Curriculum A applicants must fill out the Faculty Agreement portion of this form below.**

- **Curriculum B:** A graduate program that requires primarily course work, but also includes a small project; for example, an in depth review of a current research topic, presentation of a current research topic to faculty and peers, etc... **Curriculum B applicants do not need to fill out the faculty agreement below. A graduate faculty member will be assigned to you in the Department of Biology to help guide you through your course work and small project. A 3.0 grade point average (4.0 scale) or equivalent is required for admission into this program.**

All applicants to the Curriculum A and B degree tracks should signify that they have read and understand the differences between the tracks by signing here:

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions about these two different curricula should be emailed to Dr. Dustin S. Siegel (Graduate Committee Chair) at dsiegel@semo.edu

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### Faculty Agreement

**\*\*\*If you are a Curriculum B applicant, this section is NOT required.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to join the Department of Biology at Southeast Missouri State University as a **Curriculum A** graduate student (defined above). I understand that in order to be considered for admission as a **Curriculum A** student I must have a faculty advisor. I have contacted Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ and they agreed to advise me through the 'Curriculum A' graduate program.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_