Masters of Sciences in Biological Sciences
Plan of Study for Students in All Research Concentrations
(EEB, CMB, IP, MB)
2011-2012 Graduate Catalog

Year 1:
• Choose research mentor
• Formulate 4-person Research Advisory Committee
• Convene Research Advisory Committee meeting to formulate thesis project
• Complete 9-12 credits of didactic, core, and elective courses required by Research Concentration Section and Research Advisory Committee
• Begin thesis project
• Engage in seminar classes (at least one per academic year)
• Participate in Biol 790 (Research Colloquium in Life Sciences) each semester
• Complete Biol 701 course in Scientific Ethics

Year 2:
• Complete course-work requirements
• Complete Biol 797 (Thesis) requirements
• Submit Prospectus
• Engage in seminar classes (at least one per academic year)
• Participate in Biol 790 (Research Colloquium in Life Sciences) each semester
• Convene Annual Research Advisory Committee meeting to discuss finishing thesis project
• Finish thesis project
• Present research at national scientific meeting
• Prepare manuscripts(s) for peer-review publication
• Write and defend thesis to complete degree

Years 3-6 (if needed)
• Participate in Biol 790 (Research Colloquium in Life Sciences) each semester
• Convene Annual Research Advisory Committee meeting to discuss finishing thesis project
• Finish thesis project
• Present research at national scientific meeting
• Prepare manuscripts(s) for peer-review publication
• Write and defend thesis to complete degree