Masters of Sciences in Biological Sciences
Plan of Study for Students in All Research Concentrations
(EEB, CMB, IP, MB)
2012-2013 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