

# Graduate Student

## Degree requirements



### MS thesis

15 credits of 600+ electives  
+ 6 credits of BIO 699 (thesis)  
+ 9 credits (695 research OR electives)  
= 30 credit minimum

#### *Maximum credits applied*

- 8 CH 500+ outside of BIO
- 9 CH BIO 695
- 6 CH BIO 699
  - **BIO 801** used for students who have met research CH maximum

### MS non-thesis

27 credits of 600+ electives  
+ 3 credits of BIO 698 (capstone)  
= 30 credit minimum

#### *Maximum credits applied*

- 12 CH 500+ outside of BIO
- 3 CH BIO 698

### PhD

17 credits of core courses (BIO 600, 707, 708, 731, 732, 734 (3), 749 (2))  
+ 9 credits of 600+ electives  
+ 29 credits Research & Dissertation (BIO 790 (pre-proposal), 791, 799 (12))  
= 55 credit minimum

#### *Maximum credits applied*

- 12 CH BIO 790
- 15 CH BIO 791
- 18 CH BIO 799
  - **BIO 802** used for students who have met research CH maximum

### Full-time status

All graduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours to be considered full-time

- When only dissertation/thesis credits remain (BIO 699, 799):
  - PhD students may enroll in 3 CH BIO 799 and be considered full-time after admission to candidacy
  - MS students may enroll in 3 CH BIO 699/698 and be considered full-time after completing all other required coursework (including BIO 695)
- Enrollment must match the approved POS to be eligible for tuition waivers
- International students must submit a request for approval for full-time status at 3CH in the ISSS portal every semester

**A maximum of 6 credits at the 500-level can be applied to either degree**