

ACADEMIC ROADMAP

M.A. Biology

Spring 2026

First Year (18 credits)

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Foundations of Biology	BIO600	
Biology Elective	BIO5XX or BIO6XX	
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SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Biology Elective	BIO5XX or BIO6XX	
Graduate Course in a Related Field or a Biology Elective	BIO5XX or BIO6XX or graduate course in related area	
Independent Research Project (1-6 credits) or Biology Seminar (1 cr)	BIO590 (1-6 credits) and/or BIO361 (1 cr)	

Notes and recommendations:

- To remain in good standing, students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- No more than 36 credits can be taken toward the degree.
- Courses in related fields must be approved by the advisor and the department chair.
- No more than 6 credits of BIO590 can be applied toward the degree
- No more than 2 credits of seminar BIO361 can be applied toward the degree

Select One of the Following:

Thesis Track: Thesis Research (BIO695, 6 cr).

Capstone Track: Capstone (BIO699, 1 cr).

Second Year (30 credits)

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Biology Elective	BIO5XX or BIO6XX	
Graduate Course in a Related Field or a Biology Elective	BIO5XX or BIO6XX or graduate course in related area	
Independent Research (1-6 credits), Seminar (1 cr), Thesis (3-6 cr), Capstone (1 cr)	BIO590 Project (1-6 credits) BIO361 Seminar (1 cr) BIO695 Thesis (1-6 credits) BIO699 Capstone (1 cr)	

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Biology Elective	BIO5XX or BIO6XX	
Graduate Course in a Related Field or a Biology Elective	BIO5XX or BIO6XX or graduate course in related area	
Independent Research (1-6 credits), Seminar (1 cr), Thesis (3-6 cr), Capstone (1 cr)	BIO590 Project (1-6 credits) BIO361 Seminar (1 cr) BIO695 Thesis (1-6 credits) BIO699 Capstone (1 cr)	

Notes and recommendations:

Degree requires 30 credits, successful completion of Thesis or Capstone, and a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

No more than 36 credits can be taken toward the degree

May not need to be full-time in the final semester of the M.A. Consult financial aid and other relevant offices regarding full-time status.

Select One of the Following:

Thesis Track: Thesis Research (BIO695, 6 cr). **Complete when thesis is uploaded to digital commons.**

Capstone Track: Capstone (BIO699, 1 cr). **Complete after capstone activity assessed.**