

PLANT BIOLOGY, MASTER OF SCIENCE

Minimum Total Hours (Thesis): 30
Minimum Total Hours (Non-Thesis): 32

Program Code: M787 Q524

Required Courses

Thesis Track

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
PBIO 5971	Seminar in Botany (1 hour course, two credits required)	2
PBIO 5980	Research for Master's Thesis	2-6
Outside Courses		
	Choose a minimum of 3 hours selected from 5000- or 6000-level courses outside the Plant Biology program (Plant Biology may use Microbiology as long as they are not cross-listed.)	3
Electives		
	Choose other 5000- and/or 6000-level courses, as approved by advisory committee	19-23
Total Credit Hours		30

Non-Thesis Track

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
PBIO 5971	Seminar in Botany (maximum of one credit required)	1
	Choose PBIO 5000-and/or 6000-level courses (Must be regularly-scheduled classes as approved by the Graduate Advisor)	15
Outside Courses		
	Choose a minimum of 3 hours selected from 5000- or 6000-level courses outside the Plant Biology program (Plant Biology may use Microbiology as long as they are not cross-listed.)	3
Electives		
	Choose other 5000- and/or 6000-level courses, as approved by advisory committee	13
Total Credit Hours		32

Non-Thesis students must pass a Comprehensive Written Examination administered by a committee of three faculty (two of whom must be Plant Biology faculty) in the last year of study.

Notes

- No more than 6 hours of Independent Research may be completed with the same instructor. No more than 12 total hours of Independent Research may be applied to the degree.
- With Department approval, up to 8 hours of transfer credit may be applied to the degree. Courses must have grades of A, B, or S; be less

than 5 years old at the time of admission to the program; and *not* previously applied to a completed degree.

- Program effective SU16. Check sheet version 4/2016

The master's degree requires the equivalent of *at least* two semesters of satisfactory graduate work and additional work as may be prescribed for the degree.

All coursework applied to the master's degree must carry graduate credit.

Master's degree programs which require a thesis consist of *at least* 30 credit hours. All non-thesis master's degree programs require *at least* 32 credit hours.

Credit transferred from other institutions must meet specific criteria and is subject to certain limitations.

Courses completed through correspondence study may *not* be applied to the master's degree.

To qualify for a graduate degree, students must achieve an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the degree program coursework and in all resident graduate coursework attempted. A student must also have at least a 3.0 in all coursework (including undergraduate coursework if any).

Additional information for master's degree students may be found in the Graduate College Bulletin.