

Graduate School

Biological Sciences

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Purposes

The purposes of the Department of Biological Sciences are to:

1. Provide a broad academic program on both the undergraduate and graduate levels for students of diverse biological interests.
2. Render varied services to the community, schools, educational groups, business organizations, and all other interested groups within the geographical locale of Southeastern Louisiana University.

Master of Science Degree (M.S.)

Admission Requirements

To be considered for regular admission to the Master of Science Degree program in Biological Sciences, an applicant must:

1. Meet all University admission requirements.
2. Satisfactorily complete at least thirty (30) semester hours of undergraduate biology courses.
3. Submit at least a 1000 score on the General Test of the GRE. (Verbal and Quantitative)
4. Must have a 3.0 undergraduate cumulative grade point average for regular admission.

Requirements for Degree

Complete thirty (30) hours in an approved combination of biological sciences, including six (6) hours of thesis (General Biology 770).

Coursework may not include more than two (2) semester hours of Research Problems 660 and must include two (2) semester hours of graduate seminar.

Students enrolled in the thesis program will, before the end of the second semester, submit a thesis proposal to the Graduate Coordinator. The proposal will include the name of the committee members, the major professor, a statement of objectives, a review of the literature, and the procedure for conducting the research. A student should consult with his major professor.

Mandatory attendance is required of all students at all scheduled seminars during the students' enrollment at Southeastern.

Graduate Faculty Advisory Committee

All Graduate Faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences will serve as members of the Graduate Faculty Advisory Committee. This Committee will have an opportunity to review the progress of all graduate students during meetings to be held at least once per year. Students deemed to be making insufficient progress toward their degree will be notified of the problems identified by the committee, and will be given up to one semester to make improvements. How these problems are rectified will determine whether or not the student shall be permitted to continue in the M.S. program. Additional progress guidelines and degree requirements may be added by the Graduate Faculty. This information will appear in the graduate Student Handbook, which is posted on the department's web page.