

### MS BIO Thesis Option - Checklist

Make sure to fill course #, name, and hours

Courses BIO 5000+	Hours	Courses BIO 4750 – 4999	Hours
Research BIO 5900	6	Name: Number:	
Thesis BIO 5950	3		
Seminar (s) BIO 5150 (Min 1; Max 2)	1 or 2		
Name: Number:			
<b>Total</b>			
<b>Graduation Requirements</b>	<b>Minimum 30 hours</b>		<b>Maximum 12 Hours</b>

- A minimum of 30 hours of coursework in Biological Sciences. **Courses taken in any other department, other than BIO, will not be counted towards your degree.**
- Students must take a minimum of 6 hours of research (BIO 5900) and 3 hours of Thesis (BIO 5950). Alternatively, students can take a minimum of 3 hours of research (BIO 5900) and 6 hours of Thesis (BIO 5950). Please note that students can take more hours of BIO 5900 and BIO 5950 than stated above for various reasons (an example, to maintain full-time student status), however only a total of 9 hours (BIO 5900 + BIO 5950) will be counted towards the degree.
- One Graduate seminar (BIO 5150) is required. However, students are allowed to take a maximum of 2 seminars.
- Students are allowed to take no more than 12 hours of courses in BIO 4750-4999.
- Credits earned from these courses will not be counted: BIO 5990, BIO 5980, BIO 5970, any course numbered less than 4750, and courses taken in departments other than BIO. If you are on a graduate/teaching assistantship, your tuition waiver will **not** cover the cost of taking any undergraduate courses (any course numbered less than 4750).
- All students are required to successfully complete an oral comprehensive examination prior to the completion of the graduate degree.
- Students must use the PAWS system to apply for graduation: [www.eiu.edu/paws/](http://www.eiu.edu/paws/). **This is the only sure way to know if you have fulfilled all graduation requirements.**
- The application for graduation automatically initiates a graduate degree audit by the certification officer in the Graduate School. Candidates will be alerted to any deficiencies that must be completed in order to meet the requirements for the degree.
- Deadlines to apply for graduation: [https://www.eiu.edu/graduate/students\\_graduation.php](https://www.eiu.edu/graduate/students_graduation.php)
- Candidates who fail to apply by the deadline are not eligible for graduation until the next semester.