

## CHECKLIST FOR PROGRESSION TOWARDS THE MS IN BIOLOGY STEPS TO BE COMPLETED IN THE FIRST YEAR

\_\_\_\_\_ Full matriculation status (by the end of the second semester)

\_\_\_\_\_ Selection of the thesis project advisor, committee members and first meeting of the committee (by the end of the first semester)

\_\_\_\_\_ Selection of the non-thesis project advisor, committee members and first meeting of the committee (by the end of the second semester)

\_\_\_\_\_ Application for Degree Candidate status (after completion of 15 credits)

## STEPS TO BE COMPLETED IN THE SECOND YEAR

\_\_\_\_\_ Completion of the Thesis Examining Committee Approval Form before beginning working on the thesis.

\_\_\_\_\_ Thesis students complete BIO 608 before start of third semester

\_\_\_\_\_ Thesis students complete BIO 609 before start of 4th semester

\_\_\_\_\_ Thesis students complete BIO 610, including the thesis presentation and including the oral presentation and project defense.

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-thesis students complete BIO 591 by the end of the 4th semester, including the oral presentation and project defense.

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-thesis students complete the written comprehensive exam.

\_\_\_\_\_ Application for graduation in the semester in which the thesis is expected to be finished, or the comprehensive exam is expected to be finished.

\_\_\_\_\_ Completion of the Dean of Graduate Study's on-line exit interviews after all coursework is finished.

\_\_\_\_\_ Completion of the Department of Biology's electronic exit interview after all coursework is finished. (Contact the Graduate Coordinator for the password)