

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 or non-thesis project advisor (by the end of the first semester)
- _____ Selection of the thesis or non-thesis 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

- _____ 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)
- _____ Thesis students complete BIO 591 before start of third semester
- _____ Thesis students complete BIO 592 before start of 4th semester
- _____ Thesis students complete BIO 610, including the thesis presentation and 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.