

DEGREE AUDIT FOR MS BIOLOGY: THESIS (S 174)

Student: _____

Full matriculation status _____

Degree Candidate status _____

On-Line Exit interview is completed _____

I. CORE PROGRAM (9 credits)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Sem/Yr</u>
BIO 591	<u>3</u>	_____
BIO 592	<u>3</u>	_____
BIO 610	<u>3</u>	_____

II. ELECTIVES* (21 credits)**

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Sem/Yr</u>
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***With the approval of the Graduate Committee:

1. up to 6 credits of graduate coursework may be transferred in from another university.
2. up to 6 credits of graduate coursework may be taken in another department at WCU.
3. up to 6 credits of electives may be taken in 400 level BIOLOGY courses at WCU.

BIO 593 may not be counted toward credits required for graduation.

THESIS COMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Student: _____

Date: _____

Thesis committee signatures*

Chair: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

Deficiencies/prerequisites to full matriculation (specify and include expected completion date).

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Copies of this form must be kept by the Thesis advisor, Graduate Coordinator (gets the original) and the student.

* The Chair (or Chairs) and at least 2 other committee members must be from the Biology Department.

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APPROVAL OF THESIS PROPOSAL

Student name:

Date:

The above referenced student has presented a thesis proposal to his/her committee entitled:

Brief description of project:

This proposal has been accepted by the committee members whose signatures appear below.

Thesis advisor

Committee member

Committee member

Committee member

COMPLETION OF THESIS RESEARCH (BIO 592)

Student : _____

This form must be completed and signed by all members of the thesis student's committee BEFORE a grade is recorded with the Office of the Registrar.

Thesis Topic

Has the student successfully completed the experiments necessary to write up the thesis?

_____ YES

_____ NO

Signature of the thesis committee are required.

Primary advisor

Date: _____

Committee member

Date: _____

Committee member

Date: _____

Committee member

Date: _____

Graduate Coordinator

OUTCOME OF THESIS DEFENSE

The following form documents what transpired at the Thesis Defense of a student in the M.S. Biology program. It is completed by the thesis advisor and is kept in the student's file with the graduate coordinator, with copies to the student and the thesis advisor.

Name of student: _____

Date of defense: _____

Thesis title: _____

Thesis committee members in attendance.

The Thesis Defense normally results in one of the following three general outcomes, outlined below.

1. Minor revisions of the Thesis may be required. In such cases, the thesis advisor oversees the requested changes, and other committee members simply sign the thesis when it is complete.
2. Major revisions of the Thesis may be required by one or more committee members. In such cases, the committee members normally withhold signatures until they have personally seen the revisions and find them acceptable.
3. If the thesis committee feels that either the thesis is inadequate, or that the student displayed a consistent lack of understanding of the subject matter involved, specific suggestions for further coursework, readings or research are made. Once these have been completed, a second Thesis Defense is scheduled.

Please note below the outcome of the Defense, including any specific requirements which must be met by the student, and indicating a probable date of completion of the Thesis.

(Signature of the thesis advisor/Date)