# Biological Sciences Graduate Program M.S. degree timeline and checklist (both options): 2021-2022

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| Requirement | Timing | Notes |
|  | Year One |  |
| Meet with advisor | at or before start of 1st semester | Initial curriculum and research planning |
| BIOL 901 (Intro Grad Seminar) | first fall semester | Core requirement |
| BIOL 806, 811, 933 *or* other graduate course approved by advisor & committee | 1st year | Experimental design/analysis competency; prior graduate coursework may fulfill |
| Preliminary research proposal | end of 1st semester | Usually as part of BIOL 901 |
| **MS Thesis committee** formed | by end of 1st semester | **Submit form to Graduate School** |
| MS thesis proposal | by end of 2nd semester | Submit to advisor & committee |
| Annual progress review by GPC  | spring semester | **Student and advisor reports** submitted in advance; GPC provides feedback |
| First committee meeting | spring semester | Present & get feedback on research proposal and summer research plans |
| Seminar presentation | spring semester | Coordinate with committee meeting if possible |
| Teaching/mentoring experience | (may be either year) | As defined by committee |
|  | Second Year |  |
| Formal committee meeting | once per semester |  |
| Presentation in UNH Graduate Research Conference or other public seminar on campus | spring semester | Presentation of thesis research at a professional meeting may substitute |
| Thesis defense: public seminar, oral exam by committee |  | Replaces annual review by GPC in final year |
| File intent to graduate form | by Graduate School deadline: <https://gradschool.unh.edu/graduate-student-resources>  | **Submit form to Graduate School** |
| Submit thesis | by Graduate School deadline | **Electronic submission to Graduate School** |
| **Total credits required** | at completion | Minimum 30 credits, including a thesis of 6-10 credits (BIOL 899) |
|  | Possible Additional Year(s) |  |
| Formal committee meeting | once per semester |  |
| Presentation in UNH Graduate Research Conference or other public seminar on campus | one per year | Fulfilled by thesis defense in final year |
| Annual progress review by GPC  | spring semester (not required in final year) | **Student and advisor reports** submitted in advance; GPC provides feedback |
| File intent to graduate form, submit thesis to Graduate School | by Graduate School deadlines |  |