Biology (MS)

Master’s degrees in biology may be earned in the following programs:

- Ecology and Evolution - this degree is typically completed on the UO campus and emphasizes ecology and evolution and can involve research on terrestrial, aquatic, or marine organisms.
- Marine Biology - this degree is typically completed at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology campus location at Charleston Oregon (110 miles, 2.5 hours from Eugene) and provides training for a variety of careers in aquatic or marine biology.

Two years are typically required for completion of the master’s degree. More information is available on the biology department website (https://naturalsciences.uoregon.edu/biology/graduate-programs/masters-requirements/).

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Achieve fluency in the scholarly literature, compelling questions, and research methods in the student's primary field of research.
- Acquire demonstrable and autonomous research skills, in field or laboratory, as befits specialty.
- Learn to process and present scientific data in compelling, credible formats.

Biology Major

Code	Title	Credits
Graduate-level Coursework [1]		36
BI 503	Thesis [2]	9
Total Credits		**45**

[1] Coursework is chosen in consultation with advisor based on student's area of interest. Minimum 30 hours of Graduate-Level Biology Coursework. 24 credits must be completed in residence and graded. Minimum of 9 credits must be at the 600 level.

[2] Nearly all master's candidates are admitted into the 'thesis' program. In very rare circumstances a student may complete a 'course only' program which would necessitate completing 60 graduate level credits.