Degree Requirements

You and your committee develop a program of study cooperatively. An official form or letter must accompany any change in a program. A satisfactory scholastic standard must be maintained. All courses taken for graduate credit must have a cumulative average of 3.0 or higher. If the GPA falls below 3.0 cumulative, you will be placed on academic probation. There will be no waiver of fees during this probationary period. You must regain a 3.0 level at the end of the following semester or become subject to dismissal. This GPA must be maintained exclusive of problems, research and departmental seminars.

Graduate students taking 7000 level courses should expect course requirements beyond those of undergraduate students in order to warrant receiving graduate credit for those courses. The Division of Animal Sciences allows no more than two 7000 level Animal Science courses in a graduate program.

Seminars

Two credit hours in seminar are required for the Master of Science degree. To meet the seminar requirement courses must require presentations of technical information. Seminars provide an opportunity to develop skills in presenting technical information to a group of peers and permit you to become acquainted with specialists in the area of animal and biological sciences.

Responsible Conduct of Research

M.S. students are encouraged to take a course in “Responsible Conduct of Research”. This requirement can be met by taking either:

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Sample Plan of Study

Because students in the M.S. program are from a wide variety of circumstances, and pursue the M.S. at all different paces, a sample plan of study is not easily produced. Students are encouraged to work out their plan of study with their advisor.

Thesis/Non-Thesis Requirements

Thesis Option Requirements

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Seminars

| 2 (minimum) |

Approved Thesis

| Total Minimum Hours | 30 |

Non-Thesis Option Requirements

Non-Thesis M.S. program does not serve in preparing a student for candidacy for a Ph.D. program.

Admissions

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Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the MS in Animal Science program (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics/programs/animal-sciences/masters.php) and the minimum requirements of the Office of Graduate Studies (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/minimum-requirements). Because requirements vary, you must refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Office of Graduate Studies and the degree program to which you've applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.