Admission to the Microbiology program to pursue a M.S. degree is not an option, as students are accepted with the intent that they will fulfill the PhD requirements. Only under unforeseen circumstances such as illness, a change in academic interest, or other personal reason, is a student allowed to transfer to the M.S. degree. Requirements are the same as for doctoral candidates, although successful completion of a comprehensive examination is not a requirement for the Master’s candidate. Students opting for a M.S. degree, must complete a research project and write and defend a Master’s thesis in front of their Master’s committee. The Master’s Committee should consist of at least three faculty members including the mentor. At least two of the faculty members should be from the Microbiology Graduate Program and at least one faculty member from outside of the advisor’s primary department.

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