

B.S. / M.S. Degree Requirements in Biology  
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The option to complete a combined B.S. / M.S. Degree in Biology is reserved for those students who choose to focus in a demanding graduate research program while completing requirements for the undergraduate B.S. in biology. It is important for prospective participants to identify their interest in this program no later than the second semester of the sophomore year. Interested students should seek counsel from the departmental Director of Undergraduate Studies. The requirements to be met in four years are as follows:

1. Complete the requirements for the B.S. in Biology, as well as the requirements for graduation from Emory College.
2. Complete 4 (16 semester hours) graduate courses. The choice of courses are normally determined in conjunction with the student's master's thesis advisor. Two of the graduate courses can be used to satisfy the B.S. requirements for the Biology major.
3. Complete one semester of IBS 599R, Master's Research.
4. Write a master's thesis and defend the thesis before a thesis committee. The committee consists of a minimum of three members of the graduate faculty, a thesis advisor, and two readers. Two committee members must be biology faculty.
5. Take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and be admitted to the program.