

## Ph.D. in Biological Science

**Overview** 

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The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
<u>Bisc 691</u> - C min	1	Complete Bisc 691 with a grade of C or better.
<u>Bisc 797</u> -	18	Complete at least 18 hours of dissertation credit.
24 hrs course work	24	Student must complete at least 24 hours of formalized course work approved by the student's GPC/Chair.
Comprehensive exam		Student must pass a written and oral comprehensive examination administered by the student's advisory committee.
Oral defense		Every candidate for the Ph.D. degree must successfully pass a final oral examination (defense of dissertation) administered by the student's dissertation committee and scheduled by the Graduate School.
Research prospectus		Student must satisfactorily complete a research prospectus.
Seminars	2	Student must complete two seminars on their research (one of which is part of the defense).
Submit Dissertation		Student must submit a dissertation to his/her GPC/Chair. The dissertation must conform to the regulations governing style set forth in "A Manual of Thesis and Dissertations Preparations", available in the Graduate School Office. Two copies of the dissertation must be presented to the Graduate School after the final examination for the doctorate has been accepted and before the beginning of the regular examination period for the semester in which the candidate plans to graduate.
GPA requirements		A cumulative average of not less than 3.0 (B) must be achieved in all graduate work taken.
Liberal Arts Dean's approval		This Degree Audit program is an advising tool only. The student must still apply for a degree by returning a completed Degree Application Form to the dean's office before the last day to add classes in the semester preceding the semester in which the stuent expects to graduate. The Dean's Office will make the final certification that the courses listed on the application qualify the student for graduation. The Dean's Office will also determine if other university requirements (GPA, etc.) have been met.

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