

# BIOCHEMISTRY - MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS)

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Students are not admitted for the master's degree but may be transferred to the MS plan if they are unable to meet the demands of the PhD program.

## Requirements

### Language Requirement

The department does not require foreign language proficiency for the master's degree.

### Examinations

Administration of preliminary examinations varies, depending on the student's entering field. Candidates opting for MS Plan I must pass a master's thesis defense examination at the time they complete their work. MS Plan II does not require a final oral examination.

### Course Requirements

There are two methods of obtaining a master's degree from the Department of Biochemistry. Both plans are available only with departmental approval.

#### Plan I: Thesis

This plan requires 30 credit hours, including 15 credit hours of formal coursework, 15 credit hours in research/seminar courses, the completion of a research investigation and the presentation of a thesis.

#### Plan II: Research Report

This plan requires 30 credit hours including 21 credit hours of formal coursework plus 9 credit hours of research/seminar and presentation of a research report, but no thesis.