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 Chemistry and Biochemistry. Both plans are available only with departmental approval.

Plan I: Thesis
This plan requires 30 credit hours, including 15 credit hours of formal course work, 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 course work plus 9 credit hours of research/seminar and presentation of a research report, but no thesis.