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 students’ 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.

**Required Courses and Semester Credit Hours**
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.