

University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Department of Zoology

CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATE STUDENT FOR A MASTER'S DEGREE

Completion of this document is to be done in conjunction with a careful consideration of information provided in the departmental “OUTLINE OF GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ZOOLOGY.”

This form must be completed by students pursuing a Master's Degree by the end of the second semester after entering the graduate program in the Department of Zoology. Certification acknowledges admission to candidacy for this degree. Candidates are expected to complete a Defense of a Master's Thesis/Research Report within six semesters after entry into the program.

All graduate students pursuing this degree must have a Master's Advisory Committee (AC) for Certification and for Defense of the Master's Thesis/Research Report.

For students who plan to take a terminal MA/MS degree, or who plan to continue for a Ph.D. but desire to complete a MA/MS degree first, the AC consists of three members of the graduate faculty: the Advisor/Major Professor and two others. For students who plan to continue on to a Ph.D. program, certification for the Ph.D. degree must also be completed by the end of the second semester after entering our graduate program.

**Academic History**

Name:

Undergraduate work

Institution:

Dates attended:

Major subjects:

Degree (with date):

Undergraduate work

Institution:

Dates attended:

Major subjects:

Degree (with date):

Date entered the UW-Madison Graduate School:

## Requirements for a Master's Degree

1. Basic courses (List course titles, credits, institution)

Physics (1 yr.)

Chemistry (1 yr.)

Organic Chemistry (1 sem.)

Mathematics/Statistics (1 yr.)

[Substitutions or waivers for these requirements can be made only with the approval of the Advisory Committee and authorization by the Chair of the Department of Zoology.]

2. Courses that, together, represent a BS/BA Degree from an accredited university. (Attach transcripts)

3. Courses taken after enrollment as a graduate student.

Must total at least 18 graduate credits, with 6 credits earned in formal courses (i.e., other than research and seminars). Of the 18 credits, 14 (research & seminars included) must be taken in Zoology. Students must enroll in a graduate seminar for their first two semesters, and take at least one seminar every year thereafter. One course covering modern evolutionary biology ( as determined by the AC) is also required. COURSES USED TO SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT CANNOT BE USED TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS 1. AND 2. ABOVE.

4. Additional courses required by the Master's Advisory Committee.

5. Additional courses recommended but not required by the Advisory Committee.

6. A Thesis (meets requirements for filing in UW-Madison Library) or Research Report based on original research is required. A defense of the work is expected within 6 semesters after entering graduate school.

- Thesis required
- Thesis or Research Report acceptable

7. Scheduling of the Ph.D. Qualifying Examination for students who plan to continue graduate study in the Ph.D. program in Zoology at the UW-Madison (Category A2 in “General Requirements”).

- Before completion of requirements for MA/MS Degree (estimated semester for exam:\_\_\_\_\_).
- After completion of requirements for MA/MS Degree (follow regulations for students with MA|MS who plan to earn a Ph.D. in Zoology at UW-Madison).

Date:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Signature</u>
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- 1. (Major Professor)
- 2.
- 3.
- 4. (optional)
- 5. (optional)

[Signing this document certifies that the completion of proposed courses and a Thesis/Research Report will satisfy the requirements for a Master’s Degree.]

I understand all terms and conditions contained in this document and the information provided in the “OUTLINE OF GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ZOOLOGY” and recognize that they constitute the requirements for a Master’s Degree in Zoology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Graduate Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

[All parties involved in this certification recognize that contingencies may arise during the course of graduate study that alter close adherence to the time schedules recommended herein. The Advisory Committee will sympathetically consider adjustments appropriate to the nature of the contingencies.]