

BIOLOGY M.S. PROGRAM – 1st Semester Progress Report

Name: _____ Semester/year started: _____

Graduate students must complete this form **before registering for their second semester of BIOL 597**. Fill out this form with your advisor at the end of your first semester and sign after completing. The Graduate Committee will review the form and assign a score using the attached rubric.

- **Score ≥ 3** for each category → Continue with your research plan and register for BIOL 597 in 2nd semester.
- **Score < 3** for each category → Revise and re-submit. A score ≥ 3 required before registration for BIOL 597 is allowed.

1) What is the goal(s) or objective(s) of your thesis project?

2) Provide a **hypothesis (es)** that will be tested in your thesis project.3) What is the **biological relevance** of your hypothesis(es)?4) Describe the set of **variables** to be measured to address the hypothesis(es) and include any pertinent **controls/treatments**.5) Have you started **collecting data** for your thesis project? If yes, explain why you have started collecting data before your oral exam.

6) When do you plan on taking your oral examination? _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Grad Committee Evaluation Score: _____ Date: _____

MS Coursework and Timeline Form

Name: _____ Advisor: _____

Graduate Course of Study

University-wide criteria: Minimum of 30 units; At least half the units required for the degree must be at 500 level; Two-thirds of the units must be letter-graded; minimum GPA of 3.0 in program coursework with no course below a C; a minimum of 21 units done in residence with a maximum of 30% of coursework allowed in transfer; no more than 6 units allowed for the thesis (Biol 599); A maximum of 8 units of special studies (Biol 495 or 595), no classes completed as an undergraduate may be used except those granted provisional graduate credit prior to award of baccalaureate degree.

Dept/Course No.	Title	Units	Grade	Semester Taken/Place
Totals				

Anticipated Timeline for Completion of Requirements:

Date

Advancement to candidacy Target	
Defense of thesis Target	