

Master of Science in Biology, Zoo Science Option
Advising Worksheet^{\$}

Degree Curriculum:

Courses:

BIO 520 Quantitative Biological Techniques	__	(3h)
BIO 540 Advanced Conservation Biology	__	(4h)
BIO 543 Graduate Zoo Herpetology	__	(3h)
BIO 545 Graduate Zoo Mammalogy	__	(3h)
BIO 547 Graduate Zoo Ornithology	__	(3h)
BIO 549 Advanced Zoo Animal Behavior	__	(4h)
BIO 580 Independent Study	__	(1h)
BIO 598 Thesis	__	(9h)
Thesis Defense	__	(P/F)

- 30 credit hours are required to graduate from West Liberty with a M.S. in Biology. Zoo Science option; of those 30 credits, a maximum of 9 credit hours of thesis may be applied.
- M.S. in Biology students must complete the 19 credit hours of graduate Zoo Science core curriculum courses with no grades lower than a "C" in any course.
- M.S. in Biology students may take up to 9 credit hours of BIO 580 Independent Study per semester; no more than 1 credit hour- may be used to complete the 30 credit hour degree.
- Although BIO 598 Thesis credit hours may exceed the 9 required for the M.S. in Biology, only the 9 required hours will count toward the degree.
- All MS candidates must pass an oral thesis defense upon completion of course requirements and thesis; the MS in Biology will only be awarded to those students who successfully complete all requirements including the oral thesis defense.
- The M.S. in Biology requires a cumulative 3.0 gpa; no more than 6 credit hours of "C" grades may be applied to the total hours for graduation.
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- Courses may not be offered every semester and/or year; please consult with Biology advisor for sequencing.