# REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE
## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
### THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:  
Summer 2018 through Spring 2019

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

| Minimum Total Hours (THESIS) | 30 |
| Minimum Total Hours (NON-THESIS) | 32 |

### THESIS TRACK

**REQUIRED COURSES (4-8 hours):**

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<td>PBIO 5971</td>
<td>Seminar in Plant Biology</td>
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<td>PBIO 5980</td>
<td>Research for Master’s Thesis</td>
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**OUTSIDE COURSES (3 hours):**

A minimum of 3 hours selected from 5000- or 6000-level courses outside the Plant Biology program. *Plant Biology may use Microbiology as long as they are not cross-listed.*

**ELECTIVES (19-23 hours):**

Other 5000- and/or 6000-level courses, as approved by advisory committee.

### NON-THESIS TRACK

**REQUIRED COURSES (16 hours):**

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<td>PBIO 5000-and/or 6000-level courses</td>
<td>Must be regularly-scheduled classes as approved by the Graduate Advisor</td>
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**OUTSIDE COURSES (3 hours):**

A minimum of 3 hours selected from 5000- or 6000-level courses outside the Plant Biology program. *Plant Biology may use Microbiology as long as they are not cross-listed.*

**ELECTIVES (13 hours):**

Other 5000- and/or 6000-level courses, as approved by advisory committee.

Non-Thesis students must pass a Comprehensive Written Examination administered by a committee of three faculty (two of whom must be Plant Biology faculty) in the last year of study.

A student who has done satisfactory graduate work and has earned a 3.0 grade point average may file for master’s candidacy.

Notes:
- No more than 6 hours of Independent Research may be completed with the same instructor. No more than 12 total hours of Independent Research may be applied to the degree.
- With Department approval, up to 8 hours of transfer credit may be applied to the degree. Courses must have grades of A, B, or S; be less than 5 years old at the time of admission to the program; and not previously applied to a completed degree.
- The master’s degree requires the equivalent of at least two semesters of satisfactory graduate work and additional work as may be prescribed for the degree.
- All coursework applied to the master’s degree must carry graduate credit.
- Master’s degree programs which require a thesis consist of at least 30 credit hours. Credit transferred from other institutions must meet specific criteria and is subject to certain limitations.
- Courses completed through correspondence study may not be applied to the master’s degree.
- To qualify for a graduate degree, students must achieve an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the degree program coursework and in all resident graduate coursework attempted. A student must also have at least a 3.0 in all coursework (including undergraduate coursework if any).

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