

Ph.D. PROGRAMS OF STUDY

COURSEWORK DISTRIBUTION PER SEMESTER

The **Ph.D. programs of study** of the Department involve a laboratory-based or field-based research dissertation. To obtain this degree, candidates must successfully complete 80 ECTS of theoretical coursework, 4 semesters of Postgraduate Seminar series courses, the Comprehensive Examination and the Ph.D. Thesis Proposal before they can sign up for the compulsory laboratory-based or field-based thesis dissertation (at least 120 ECTS, which is equivalent to 4 semesters). Concurrently with their thesis research, students must successfully complete an annual progress report. Students must also complete at least (30 ECTS (one semester) in thesis write-up and must have at least one first-author publication (or accepted for publication) of innovative research work for their Ph.D. in a peer-reviewed internationally recognized scientific journal.

Students have the option of taking on a different course load per semester than the one indicated below, therefore, you are strongly advised to consult your thesis and your research advisors to determine if an individualized coursework schedule would be better suited for you and/or your thesis project.

A/A	COURSE TYPE	COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE	ECTS
SEMESTER I				
1.	Elective (Specialization)	Restricted Elective Course	Select a course from Table I/J of the Postgraduate Studies Prospectus according to your program of study	10
2.	Elective (Specialization)	Restricted Elective Course	Select a course from Table I/J of the Postgraduate Studies Prospectus according to your program of study	10
3.	Elective (Specialization)	Restricted Elective Course	Select a course from Table I/J of the Postgraduate Studies Prospectus according to your program of study	10
4.	Compulsory	Basic Laboratory Health and Safety Training	BIO 605	0
5.	Compulsory	Postgraduate Seminars I	BIO 800	0
SEMESTER II				
6.	Elective (Specialization)	Restricted Elective Course	Select a course from Table I/J of the Postgraduate Studies Prospectus according to your program of study	10
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9.	Compulsory	Postgraduate Seminars II	BIO 801	0
SEMESTER III				
10.	Elective (Specialization)	Restricted Elective Course	Select a course from Table I/J of the Postgraduate Studies Prospectus according to your program of study	10
11.	Elective (Specialization)	Restricted Elective Course	Select a course from Table I/J of the Postgraduate Studies Prospectus according to your program of study	10
12.	Compulsory	Comprehensive Examination	BIO 810	10
13.	Compulsory	Postgraduate Seminars III	BIO 802	0
SEMESTER IV				
14.	Compulsory	Ph.D. Research Stage I	BIO 820	30
15.	Compulsory	Postgraduate Seminars IV	BIO 803	0
SEMESTER V				
16.	Compulsory	Ph.D. Research Stage II	BIO 821	30
17.	Compulsory	Ph.D. Research Proposal	BIO 811	0
SEMESTER VI				
18.	Compulsory	Ph.D. Research Stage III	BIO 822	30
SEMESTER VII				
19.	Compulsory	Ph.D. Research Stage IV	BIO 823	30
20.	Compulsory	Annual Progress Report I	BIO 812	0
SEMESTER VIII				
21.	Compulsory	Ph.D. Thesis Write-up Stage I	BIO 835	30