

### MS BIO Non-Thesis Option - Checklist

Make sure to fill course #, name, and hours

BIO 5000+	Hours	BIO 4750-4999	Hours	Non-BIO 5000+ (CHM, PHY, MAT, SOC, GIS)	Hours
Seminar (s) BIO 5150 (Min 1; Max 2)		Name: Number:		Name: Number:	
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<b>Total (add total hours)</b>					
<b>Graduation Requirements</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Max 12 h</b>		<b>Max 10 h</b>

- A minimum of 32 hours of total course work, of which at least 22 hours should be with BIO course prefix. However, you can take all 32 hours in BIO, and none from other departments; which would be ideal.
- A maximum of 10 hours may be earned from courses numbered 5000+ offered only in Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Sociology, and Geographic Information Sciences (GIS). Any course work from departments, other than those listed above, will not be counted towards your degree.
- You are allowed to take no more than 12 hours of courses in BIO 4750-4999.
- One Graduate seminar (BIO 5150) is required. However, you can take a maximum of 2 seminars.
- Credits earned from BIO 5900, BIO 5950, and BIO 5980 will not be counted towards your degree.
- A maximum of 3 hours of BIO 5990 will be counted towards your degree.
- Students must use the PAWS system to apply for graduation: [www.eiu.edu/paws/](http://www.eiu.edu/paws/). **This is the only sure way to know if you have fulfilled all graduation requirements.**
- The application for graduation automatically initiates a graduate degree audit by the certification officer in the Graduate School. Candidates will be alerted to any deficiencies that must be completed.
- Deadlines to apply for graduation: [https://www.eiu.edu/graduate/students\\_graduation.php](https://www.eiu.edu/graduate/students_graduation.php)
- Candidates who fail to apply by the deadline are not eligible for graduation until the next semester.