Overview
The Master of Science in Biology program serves those interested in advanced training in applied or basic biological research and teaching. The program also provides a basis for further graduate or professional studies. The M.S. in Biology is broadly based, allowing students to tailor their courses to suit their interests. Laboratory skills are integral to many Biology careers, thus students are encouraged to include lab courses in their program of study. Faculty in the M.S. in Biology program have expertise in a range of sub-disciplines including Ecology, Organismal, Cell, and Molecular Biology. All newly admitted students matriculate in the Fall semester.

Credit hours required: 33-36

Admissions
All students must fulfill the general requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies and Research. In addition, all students must possess a Bachelor’s degree in Biology or the course equivalent. The undergraduate course work must include both the Biology and related science courses (Chemistry, Physics and Math) that are standard components of the Biology major. Specifically, the minimum requirements are: two semesters each of General Biology, General Chemistry and Physics, and one semester each of Cell Biology, Ecology, Genetics, Organic Chemistry and Precalculus Mathematics or Statistics. General Education courses cannot be used to satisfy the Biology or cognate area requirements. Note: Although applications for admission to the M.S. in Biology program are accepted throughout the year, all new students will start coursework (matriculate) in the Fall semester.

GRE: Not required

Program of Study
The M.S. in Biology allows students to tailor their program of study to meet their individual needs. Each student in the M.S. in Biology program will be required to assemble a portfolio of work that they complete during their tenure in the program. All graduate students are required to take BIO 405-Biological Literature and at least one course that includes a laboratory or field component. There are several possible options for completion of the program: Research Thesis Option, Library Thesis Option and Non-Thesis Option.

Careers
- Biology Technician/Researcher/Field Scientist (academia, government, industry)
- Biology Instructor (Community/2 year College level)
- Health Sciences
- Pharmaceutical Industry
- Food Scientist
- Forensic Scientist

Attending Northeastern
- Classes are offered during the late afternoon and evening hours to accommodate professionals working full-time
- Students may attend either part-time or full-time
- Current in-state graduate tuition is less than $400 per credit hour (tuition & fees)
- Financial support: Financial aid (loans), merit tuition scholarships, and graduate assistantships are often available to help fund your graduate education.

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