

Biology M.A. Program Supplemental Application Form

In the Biology MA program, students can choose between a thesis based curriculum or a comprehensive exam based curriculum.

In the thesis option, the student undertakes a research project under the guidance of a mentor and writes a thesis. (Final admission to the thesis option requires that a student have an agreement from a faculty member to serve as the student's thesis mentor. We recommend that a student contact potential faculty mentors as soon as he/she decides to apply to the program. For information on faculty research interest, see the department website <<http://www.buffalostate.edu/biology/faculty.xml>> or contact the Department office.)

In the comprehensive exam program option, the student has to pass an oral and written examination administered by an evaluating committee of Biology faculty. Students in this program will be assigned a faculty advisor to help with course selection and other advisement issues.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Please check the box next to the option to which you are applying.

M.A. Thesis (if selected complete below)

M.A. Comprehensive Exam

If you are applying to the thesis option complete the following:

1. Students who are applying for a M.A. thesis must identify a research mentor.

Please indicate the Biology faculty members that you have contacted: _____

2. Have any of these faculty members agreed to be your mentor? (Circle one of the following)

Yes. Please indicate mentor name: _____

No. Mentor identification pending. (Reminder – An agreement from a faculty member to serve as your thesis mentor is required before final admission into the thesis option.)

After you have submitted the on-line graduate admissions application, please return this supplemental form and all required application materials to the Graduate School Office, Cleveland Hall 204.