Required Courses for All Degrees

- Biol 701 —Ethics in Scientific Research (1 credit).
 Required class for all students in both degree programs.
- Biol 790 —Research Colloquium in Life Sciences
 Students may take this course for credit (1-2 credits/semester for a maximum of 9 credits toward the degree), but all students (including non-enrolled) must participate each semester.

Core Courses for MS and PhD

MS must take at least <u>THREE</u> of the following Core Classes.

PhD students must take at least SIX of the following Core Classes.

- BIOL 603 Restoration Ecology (3 credits)
- BIOL 611 Molecular Evolution (3 credits)
- BIOL 618 Microbial Ecology (3 credits)
- BIOL 619 Forest Ecology (3 credits)
- BIOL 626 Plant Anatomy (3 credits)
- BIOL 628 Biometry (3 credits)
- BIOL 632 Herpetology (4 credits)
- BIOL 633 Ornithology (4 credits)
- BIOL 634 Mammalogy (4 credits)
- BIOL 641 Field Ecology (3 credits)
- BIOL 644 Principles of Plant Ecology (3 credits)
- BIOL 671 Aquatic Ecology (3 credits)
- BIOL 680 Introduction to Biological Modeling (3 credits)
- BIOL 687 Principles of Systematics (3 credits)
- BIOL 690 Biogeography (3 credits)
- BIOL 714 Topics in Population and Evolutionary Genetics (3 credits)
- BIOL 743 Ecological Plant Physiology (3 credits)
- BIOL 745 Arid Zone Soils (3 credits)
- BIOL 748 Environmental Physiology (3 credits)

- BIOL 781 Topics in Population and Evolutionary Ecology (3 credits)
- BIOL 783 Topics in Community and Ecosystem Ecology (3 credits)
- BIOL 784 Topics in Applied Ecology and Conservation Biology (3 credits)
- BIOL 786 Bioenergetics (3 credits)

Research Courses

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MS students must complete 18 credits of 700-level courses.

PhD students must complete 24 credits of 700-level credits (excluding Biol 799).

The following "research based" classes may be used to satisfy 700-level requirements.

- Biol 702 Biology Graduate Core (3 credits)
- Biol 789 —Independent Graduate Study in Life Sciences (1-3 credits/semester; may be repeated for a max. of 9 credits).
- Biol 790 —Research Colloquium in Life Sciences (1-2 credits/semester; repeated for a maximum of 9 credits).
- Biol 791 —Research Laboratory Discussion in Life Sciences (1-2 credits/semester; may be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits toward the degree). Can be taken to receive credit for participating in Mentor's lab meeting.

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- Credits for the MS degree will be obtained from didactic classes at the 600 and 700 level.
- MS students must take Biol 701 Ethics in Scientific Research (<u>1 credit</u>) during their first semester in the program and either attend the Ethics components of Biol 702 or complete UNLV RCR training.
- Students are encouraged to take Biol 70 2—Biology Graduate Core (3 credits; includes Ethics)

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- Primary Research Mentor & Academic Chair (Note: these are not always the same person²)
- Two or three SoLS Graduate Faculty (Should include the SoLS Academic Chair if the Primary Research Mentor's primary appointment is not in SoLS)
- Graduate College Representative who has official grad faculty status within another academic unit on campus
- Outside University Member, who must be granted conditional Grad Faculty status
- 2. Doctoral students are required to complete a minimum of 60 credit hours of graduate work.
 - Credits for the PhD degree will be obtained from classes at the 600 and 700 level.
 - PhD students must enroll in Biol 701—Ethics in Scientific Research (1 credit) during their first semester in the program and either attend the Ethics components of Biol 702 or complete UNLV RCR training.
 - PhD students are required/highly recommended to take Biol 702—Biology Graduate Core (3 credits) during their first semester in the program (waivers granted on an ad hoc basis from SoLS Grad Coordinator).
 - PhD students must take at least 6 credits of seminar classes listed above.
 - PhD students must participate in Biol 790—Research Colloquium in Life Sciences each semester even if they are not enrolled in the class for credit.
 - PhD students are required to take <u>12 credits</u> of Biol 799—Dissertation. Students may enroll for more credits of Biol 799, but no more than 18 will count toward the degree.
- 3. The student's Research Advisory Committee will determine the course of action and coursework for each individual PhD student.
- 4. All PhD students are required to instruct two lab or discussion sections of a UNLV biology class.
- 5. All PhD students must pass a comprehensive exam before being admitted to candidacy. PhD students

Research credits (18 credits)
 Dissertation Proposal Writing (3 credits)
 Dissertation credits (12 credits)

• Work full time on research project (including summers).

Sample Program of Study: PhD Student

	Credits
6 didactic courses at the 600- or 700-level	18
Biol 701—Ethics in Scientific Research	1
Biol 702—Intro to the Grad Core	3
Biol 793/796—Graduate Seminars	6
Biol 789—Independent Study (Pre-thesis)	4
Biol 790—Research Colloquium	8
Biol 791—Research Lab. Discussions	5
Biol 767—Dissertation Proposal Grant Writing	3
Biol 799—Dissertation	<u>12</u>
TOTAL	60