**Master’s Program**

For students to be awarded the master’s degree, the following basic degree completion requirements must be met. At end of each semester, students who are in jeopardy of not meeting these requirements will be notified per the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy and are encouraged to meet with the Program Director or Director of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences to discuss corrective steps to remediate any deficiencies in the degree completion requirements.

1. Must earn a minimum of 30 credits.
2. Maximum of 36 credits can be earned toward the program.
3. No more than 2 courses can be repeated.
   a. The second grade replaces the first grade, regardless if second grade is lower than first.
   b. Both grades remain on the transcript.
4. Must earn cumulative average 3.0 GPA or higher in designated core courses (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, Systems Physiology; formerly Fundamentals I, II and III, respectively)*.
5. Must earn a 3.0 GPA or higher overall.
6. Up to 6 transfer credits may be accepted toward the master’s program. Refer to the transfer credit policy for details.
7. Must apply to graduate via Self-Service Banner by established registrar deadlines.

**Additional Requirements for Masters of Science (thesis) Students:**

1. Students must pass a) Responsible Conduct in Research (0 credits), b) Lab Rotation A (2 credits) and c) Thesis Research (5 credits).

**Certificate Program**

1. Pass core classes courses (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Systems Physiology; formerly Fundamentals I, II and III, respectively).
2. Complete 9 additional credits in electives.
3. Must earn a minimum of 18 credits.
4. Must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.
5. No transfer credits accepted.
6. Must submit “Application for Completion of Certificate” available by contacting the GSBS office.

* Some students will also have the Seminar in Biomedical Sciences as part of their core. Medical Physiology can substitute for Systems Physiology, formerly Fundamentals III.

**At times students enrolled in the master’s program will be notified that their performance does not meet the graduation requirements. Students may have the option of applying to receive the certificate in biomedical sciences in lieu of the master’s degree if they meet the graduation requirements for the certificate program as outlined above.

Please note: Refer to the student handbook for details. These requirements are subject to change without prior notification. Grade point averages (GPAs) are NOT rounded up, for example, a 2.999 will NOT round to a 3.000.