

## Master of Science in Biology, Traditional Advising Worksheet<sup>\$</sup>

### Degree Curriculum:

#### Courses:

BIO 510 Graduate Research Skills	__(3h)
BIO 525 Graduate Seminar	__/__/__(3h total)
BIO 5__ Graduate Biology course	__(3-4h)
BIO 5__ Graduate Biology course	__(3-4h)
BIO 5__ Graduate Biology course	__(3-4h)
BIO 5__ Graduate Biology course	__(3-4h)
BIO 580 Independent Study	__(4h max)
BIO 598 Thesis	__(9h max)
Thesis Defense	__(P/F)

- 30 credit hours are required to graduate from West Liberty with a M.S. in Biology; of those 30 credits, a maximum of 9 credit hours of thesis may be applied.
- All M.S. in Biology students are required to take BIO 525 Graduate Seminar every semester except the thesis semester; maximum of 3 credit hours count toward the 30 total for the degree.
- M.S. in Biology students must complete at least 14 credit hours in graded graduate biology courses including BIO 510 Graduate Research Skills, but not BIO 580 Independent Study.
- M.S. in Biology students may take up to 9 credit hours of BIO 580 Independent Study per semester; no more than 4 credit hours may be used to complete the 30 credit hour degree.
- Although BIO 598 Thesis credit hours may exceed the 9 required for the M.S. in Biology, only the 9 required hours will count toward the degree.
- All MS candidates must pass an oral thesis defense upon completion of course requirements and thesis; the MS in Biology will only be awarded to those students who successfully complete all requirements including the oral thesis defense.
- The M.S. in Biology requires a cumulative 3.0 gpa; no more than 6 credit hours of "C" grades may be applied to the total hours for graduation.
- **<sup>\$</sup>These worksheets are a guide.** Each student is responsible for their curriculum and meeting the requirements for graduation as stipulated in the college catalog.
- Courses may not be offered every semester and/or year; please consult with Biology advisor for sequencing.