

Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior PhD

*90 total credit hours. Credits include:

1. 20 credit major. Composed mostly of EEB courses including two courses from one area of concentration, and one course from a second area of concentration. Course specifics can be found in the EEB Greenbook, or the [Biology Graduate Bulletin](#)
 - Additionally, two credits in the major should come from L570 (Seminar in Ecology and the Environment)
 - Up to six credits in the major may come from three sources: (A) Z620 journal clubs, (B) L500 Independent Study/Readings (graded), and/or (C) L501 Rotations (graded). L500/L501 credits require written summaries approved by the students' graduate advisor(s) and the GPD. Not more than four credits may come from any of sources (A) - (C).
3. 3 credit statistics class (STATS-S681 Biometry or equivalent agreed upon by Advisory Committee)
4. 6+ credit minor
5. All remaining credits earned through L800: Research

*Please note that as long as you are supported you must always be registered in a **minimum of 6 to a maximum of 12 credits in each fall and spring semester.**

*This document will serve as a guide. Your path may be slightly different based on your circumstances! Please reach out to your Program Director and Graduate Advisor if you have any questions.

Year 1

Fall semester – 12 credits

- Should include BIOL-L 570 SEM IN ECOLOGY & ENVIRON BIOL (1 cr.)

Spring semester – 12 credits

- Should include BIOL-L 570 SEM IN ECOLOGY & ENVIRON BIOL (1 cr.)

To Do: At end of 1st year- form **Advisory Committee**. Committee must be formed and eDoc submitted **before** August of this year.

- [General Requirements for PhD Advisory Committee](#)
- [Advisory Committee for the PhD eDoc](#)
- [Change of Advisory Committee eDoc \(if you need to add or remove members at any time\)](#)

Year 2

Fall Semester – 12 credits

Spring Semester – 12 credits

**Prelim Exam I. Must be passed prior to 13th week of this semester.*

Year 3

Fall Semester – 12 credits

Spring Semester – 12 credits

Prelim Exam II. Must be passed before the end of this semester and **at least eight months before graduation*

>All course work completed<

To Do: At the end of this semester, if you have completed all coursework for your major and minor and passed your prelim exams, submit your Nomination to Candidacy eDoc. **This form takes several months to approve, and is an important milestone on your way to graduation. Submit this eDoc as soon as possible!**

- [General Requirements for Admission to PhD Candidacy](#)
- [Nomination to Candidacy for the Ph.D. Degree Application eDoc](#)

Year 4

Fall Semester – 12 credits

- BIOL-L800 Research (12 cr)

To Do: Once your candidacy has been approved by the University Graduate School, submit your Nomination of Research Committee eDoc. Due by the end of spring semester. **This eDoc must be approved by the University Graduate School at least six months before you defend your dissertation.**

- [General Requirements for Dissertation Research Committee](#)
- [Nomination of Research Committee eDoc](#)

Spring semester – 6 credits

- BIOL-L800 Research (6 cr)

Year 5+

- At this point you will most likely have completed 90 credit hours. If you have completed 90 credits and your PhD Candidacy has been approved by the University Graduate School, you may register for [BIOL-G901 Advanced Research](#) each semester.
- You are allowed 6 semesters of G901 enrollment. G901 enrollment allows you to pay just a \$150 advanced research fee per semester instead of the normal \$700+ mandatory fees.

Dissertation Defense and Graduation

- Your graduation can happen in any month, and is based on your research and writing completion, and your committee's approval.
- When you're ready, and all other eDocs have been completed, submit your PhD [defense announcement](#). **This announcement must be approved by UGS at least 30 days prior to your defense.** To allow time for processing, please submit this no later than **45 days before your defense date**. Your announcement will go to your department graduate office for approval, and then to your research chair for approval, and finally to the University Graduate School for processing.
 - If you plan to defend and graduate in the summer, you must register for summer G901 credits. These credits require special administrative permission, so let your Graduate Advisor know.
- After your defense submit the [Defense Signature](#) eDoc for committee approval.
- Follow the UGS guidelines for dissertation [formatting requirements](#), [submission methods](#), and [deadlines](#).

Congrats on completing your PhD!

Other Helpful websites:

[College of Arts and Sciences- Information for Graduate Students](#)

[University Graduate School- Timeline for Graduation](#)

[University Graduate School Bulletin- Biology](#)

[Dissertation and Thesis Resources – Biology](#)