



COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

All graduate students in the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology are required, within the first three semesters, to complete at least three graduate courses from the approved list* (including one from outside the chosen Division) with a grade of B or better. One non-departmental course, approved by their advisor, may be included; further exception must have approval of the Graduate Affairs Committee. At least one of the three courses must be completed in the fall semester of the first year. On a case by case basis an advisor may approve a student to take an additional semester to complete course work. This would allow students needing background in a subject area to take an upper division course before taking the graduate level course. In such cases, the Qualifying Exam will be deferred until the completion of the three required courses but no later than early in the Fall semester of the third year.

During orientation week, entering students will be provided with a list of all graduate course offerings for the coming year, and students will meet with their assigned advisor to plan their curriculum for the first year. First year students must meet with their advisor again in late fall before the Spring semester registration to review and, if necessary, revise their spring course selections. Since registration for the fall semester takes place during April of the first year, students should continue to consult their first year advisor regarding registration for the first semester of their second year in the program. In some instances, there will be divisional course requirements above and beyond the Department course requirement, and it is the responsibility of the student and the advisor to ensure that all course requirements are met.

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* As indicated by an asterisk in the MCB Graduate Bulletin for the year in which you entered the program.