



MASTER IN BIOLOGY
option Molecular Plant Sciences (MPS)

Name :
Name of master thesis supervisor :
Name of sponsor (if applicable) :
Department (where master's thesis will be done) :
Title of master's thesis :
Date of beginning of master's thesis :

Once filled, the form must be returned to the "Secrétariat des étudiants" of the Section of Biology (Sciences III - 2nd floor - office 2004A) before the academic start of the first term of the master

Table with 3 columns: Course #, TITLE, ECTS. Rows include Compulsory courses (13 ECTS), Restricted choice courses (09-17 ECTS)*, and Free choice courses (0-8 ECTS). Total credits compulsory courses: 13. Total credits restricted choice. Total credits free choice. Total credits (30 ECTS minimum).

*The chosen courses must be in the list of courses offered by this option
Requests for amendments must be approved by the programme director and countersigned by the vice-president of the Section.

Signature of the vice-president of the Section:

Signature of the thesis supervisor:

Signature of the sponsor:

Signature of the student:

Geneva, (date)

ANNEX 1 TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE MASTER IN BIOLOGY

Registration to the master

Registration to a master degree is possible only after having found a master work adviser.

The student has to get in touch him/herself with a potential adviser according to his/her interest for a given discipline and the possibilities of supervision. Some master positions are also proposed on the websites of the Section of Biology and Departments.

The master work adviser must be a professor or MER of the Section of Biology. CC and CE with PhD degree can also be authorized by the president to supervise or sponsor (see below) a master work. If the master in biology is done with a particular option, the choice of the thesis adviser or sponsor may be restricted.

Students are allowed to perform their master work in a laboratory outside the Section of Biology with the agreement of the president. In that case, a sponsor acting as responsible for the Section of Biology has to be found. This sponsor must be a professor or MER (or CC or CE as indicated above) of the Section of Biology. The sponsor of the Section of Biology ensures both that the academic environment of the host laboratory is appropriate and that the subject proposed to the student for his/her master work fulfills the criteria of the Section of Biology. The sponsor or his/her Department can request a written project description before accepting the sponsorship. The sponsor checks and cosigns the final evaluation of the master thesis.

The registration form for the master work must be brought to the Secretariat for students of the Section of Biology with all signatures **by the official start of the 1st semester of the master, at the latest.**

The registration form is checked by the Secretariat for students (credits, courses in relation to the master work, etc) and signed by the presidency of the Section. Copies of the registration form are returned to the student, including one for the master adviser and/or sponsor.

According to the Art. 19c of the "Règlement d'études général" of the Faculty of sciences, a minimum of 20 ECTS must be obtained for the first two semesters of the master's. If the student has not successfully obtained them yet with courses, the master's thesis adviser (and the sponsor, if required) can provide a certificate attesting that the student's work on the master's thesis is equivalent to at least 20 ECTS for this period. To this end, an official form will be sent to the master's thesis adviser at the end of the first year by the Secretariat for students of the Section of Biology.

Objectives of the master work

To answer a question related to biology through experimentation.

To become familiar with the practical and theoretical aspects of the scientific process.

To acquire a wide range of experimental skills involving a variety of techniques.

To learn how to present scientific results in group seminars and in a written form (e.g. master's thesis).

Time investment for the master work

The master work is credited 60 ECTS. This corresponds to 45 weeks of full-time work (without counting vacation).

Writing the master's thesis

The master work must be presented in the form of a **written master thesis**. See guidelines on the website of the Section of Biology (<http://www.unige.ch/sciences/biologie>).

Duration and conditions for obtaining a master degree

To obtain a Master degree in Biology, students must achieve a total of 90 ECTS credits: 60 ECTS for the master work and 30 ECTS for master courses. The normal duration of the master studies is 3 semesters, but a prolongation can be obtained (maximum 6 semesters in total). For more information on deadlines and conditions, please visit the website of the Section of Biology, link *Master in Biology*.

Evaluation and submission of the master's thesis

The master's thesis is evaluated by two examiners, the thesis supervisor and another member of the jury, according to the criteria published on the website of the Section of Biology. If the master work is performed in a laboratory outside the Section of Biology, the sponsor from the Section acts as the second examiner. The final grade is transmitted by the thesis director on the official form to the Secretariat for students of the Section of Biology, with the two signatures. The grade can also be given by the College of Teachers of the corresponding Department.

Once the master's thesis has been accepted by the master supervisor, the procedure is as follows:

1. A pdf version must be sent to the Secretariat for students of the Section of Biology (e.g. sent by e-mail to secretariat-biologie@unige.ch).
- 2) After validation of the thesis and reception of the exam grade, the Secretariat will send a confirmation to the student by e-mail.
- 3) The student will then file an electronic copy of the master's thesis in the Open Archive (<http://archive-ouverte.unige.ch>) and send the official confirmation (including the link) from the Open Archive to the Secretariat for students of the Section of Biology.
- 4.) The Secretariat for students of the Section of Biology will forward the grade to the Faculty. In order for the master to be formally granted, this process must be completed before the end of the exam session of the 3rd semester of the master. According to the terms of the relevant department, additional paper copies may also be required for the director (and supervisor if applicable) and /or the department.

ANNEX 2 TO REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE MASTER IN BIOLOGY

Plagiarism

I hereby certify that I understand that "plagiarism and attempted plagiarism are serious infringements of University ethics and research integrity" (Directive on student plagiarism: <http://www.unige.ch/universite/politique-generale/plagiat/>) and that sanctions can be very severe (see article 18 of the general regulations of the Faculty of sciences; "Règlement d'Etudes Général de la Faculté des sciences").

Name :

Signature of the **student** :

Geneva,

P.S.: Note that the Section of biology scans all master's theses for plagiarism.