

AMCB Program Graduate Student Expectations Doctor of Philosophy

General requirements:

- Complete Form 2 and Supervisory Committee by the midpoint of your second semester after convening a meeting with the committee.
- Supervisory Committee must have four Graduate Faculty members (one external member must be outside of AMCB and outside of ANS).
- Committee members outside UF can be on the committee as a 'Special member', but they cannot replace one of the four regular members.
- Attend and present at each Annual AMCB Research Symposium.
- Meet with Supervisory Committee regularly preferably at least once a semester.

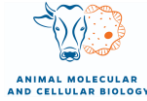
Course requirements:

- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above on all coursework.
- Earn at **least 90** course credits beyond the bachelor's degree. A maximum of 30 credits can be transferred from an MS degree. The supervisory committee is responsible for completing a review of any MS program and completing the Master's Degree Acknowledgment (MDA) before the qualifying exam.
- Complete the following courses:
 - BCH 4024 (Introduction to Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) or BCH 5045 (Graduate Survey of Biochemistry)
 - BCH 5413 (Eukaryotic Molecular Biology)
 - GMS 6421 (Cell Biology)
 - Present two seminars in seminar courses
- Take an Ethics course approved by your committee such as one of the following:
 - Issue in Responsible Conduct of Research – VME 6767
 - AG / Natural Resource Ethics – ABE 4126
 - Animal Ethics – WIS 6934 or VME 6934
 - Ethics and Ecology – PHM 3032
 - Environmental Ethics – PHI 3640
 - Ethics in Genetics – GMS 6221
 - Concepts of Applied Ethology – ANS 6040
 - Research Ethics in the Biological Sciences – ZOO 6927

Courses in the Animal Molecular and Cellular Biology major are listed in the [Graduate Catalog](#).

Examination requirements:

- Pass the Qualifying Exam (Candidacy Admission) by the midpoint of your seventh semester*.
- Must submit a [Degree Application](#) before the published deadline and meet all Graduate Degree Application deadlines.
- Degree candidates must enroll in research credits (ANS 7980) in the final term and in the term of the defense. Three credits in Fall/Spring or two credits in Summer.



- Successfully defend and pass the Final Exam*
- Complete the Binding Request form and Exit Checklist.

* The qualifying exam, defense and examination of the PhD dissertation is strongly encouraged to be in person with the full committee and student together. If all attendees cannot be present in person together, accommodations can be made providing all attendees are present synchronously and that members questions are asked and answered in real time. The committee Chair and members are responsible for ensuring the academic integrity of the evaluation; ensuring that the student does not receive unauthorized assistance during the evaluation.

Please review the [UF graduation checklist](#) and the [UF thesis checklist](#).

Federal regulation pertaining to foreign students studying in the U.S. No more than the equivalent of one online/distance education class or **3 credits per academic semester (3 credits is the maximum)** may count towards the "full course of study" requirement, if an online or distance education course "does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class."