



DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
MS THESIS COMMITTEE

The MS Biology student and thesis committee will meet 3 times during the program:

1) During the month of May following semester 2. This meeting (1 hr) will follow the presentation of the thesis proposal. The goal is to examine the student's level of preparation and background knowledge, to consider the planned research project, and to provide recommendations (technical and otherwise) that might help in the successful completion of the project.

2) During the months of November/December of semester 3 and all subsequent odd-numbered semesters. This meeting (1 hr) will include a 20-30-minute progress report made by the student utilizing Powerpoint or similar presentation tool to present results and data obtained to date and future goals. This will be followed by a discussion with the committee of progress made and expectations and goals for the future.

3) At the student's thesis defense. This meeting (1-2 hrs) will be an examination of the student's understanding of their research, major field of research, and aspects of biology relating to this field.

The following individuals have agreed to serve on my thesis committee. One of these members will chair committee meetings 1 and 2 (see above), and will ensure that the completed Thesis Committee Meeting Form (minutes from the meeting) is passed on to the graduate program coordinator.

Committee Member 1 (signature) _____ (printed) _____

Committee Member 2 (signature) _____ (printed) _____

Thesis Advisor (signature) _____ (printed) _____

MS Student (signature) _____ (printed) _____

Please return this completed form to the graduate program coordinator.