Microbiology, M.S.

**Requirements**

The Master of Science program in microbiology requires a minimum of 30 s.h. of graduate credit. Students must maintain a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 2.80 to earn the degree. They are required to earn a minimum of 12 s.h. in microbiology courses chosen from three of the department's four subdisciplines: bacteriology, eukaryotic pathogens, immunology, and virology. They may substitute a course they have already taken (at the University of Iowa or elsewhere) for a course requirement, with the M.S. advisory committee's approval.

Additional course requirements depend on students' interests and the advice of the thesis committee. Students must write a thesis based on their own research and defend it satisfactorily in an oral examination. No more than 9 s.h. of credit for thesis research may be counted toward the 30 s.h. required for the degree.