



Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Program MS Plan of Study

See the WPI Graduate Catalog and the BCB webpages for detailed descriptions of the BCB MS degree requirements.

1. Student fills out this form **before the beginning of each semester** and reviews it with his/her advisor.
2. Student and advisor sign and date the form.
3. Student submits this form to the BCB program director before the first day of the semester.
4. Program director reviews, signs and dates the form, and distributes signed copies to the student, advisor, and student's folder.

Student: _____

WPI ID#: _____

Email Address: _____

Previous Degrees: _____

Entry Date: _____

Expected Completion Date: _____

Advisor: _____

Course Work Requirement (24-27 credits). See list of allowed courses for each category below at <http://www.wpi.edu/academics/bcb/grad-requirements.html>

2 BCB interdisciplinary courses.

Course Number	Course Title	Semester	Credits	Grade

3 courses, one in each of the 3 related areas (BBT, CS, MA).

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1 graduate course in social implications or bioethics.

Course Number	Course Title	Semester	Credits	Grade

Program electives to satisfy the remainder of the 33-credit requirement.

Course Number	Course Title	Semester	Credits	Grade

MS Thesis/Internship (6-9 credits)

A student in the MS program must complete at least one of the following two options:

A 9-credit MS thesis.

The thesis must be advised or co-advised by a faculty member affiliated with the BCB Program.

MS thesis proposal.

Must be presented to the BCB program **before student receives grades for more than 3 MS thesis credits.** Normally students submit their thesis proposals during their 2nd or 3rd semester.

MS thesis reader assigned.

MS thesis reader will be assigned by the BCB program director when the MS thesis proposal is approved.

Reader's Name: _____

9 MS thesis credits BCB599

Only 9 MS thesis credits may be applied towards the MS degree.

Course Number	Course Title	Semester	Credits	Grade
BCB599	Masters Thesis			
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Thesis presentation to the BCB program.

To be announced to the BCB program by the advisor at least one week in advance.

Final thesis approval.

Title page signed by advisor(s), reader, and BCB program director.

A 6-9 credit research or practice-oriented internship.

The internship would be carried out in cooperation with a sponsoring organization or affiliated research lab, and must be approved and overseen by a faculty member affiliated with the BCB program.

Course Number	Sponsoring organization / research lab	Semester	Credits	Grade

"Graduate Student Application for Degree" form submitted: <http://www.wpi.edu/offices/registrar/forms.html>

Student's Signature and Date

Advisor's Signature and Date

BCB Program Director's Signature and Date