

# FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGY PH.D.

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## Doctor of Philosophy - Fish and Wildlife Biology

**Degree Specific Credits:** 60

**Required Cumulative GPA:** 3.0

### Notes

- Of the 60 graduate semester credits, no more than 20 of these credits may be thesis credits.
- Of the remaining credits, at least 20 must be numbered > 500. Specific courses will be determined by each student's graduate committee.
- At least 30 graduate semester credits must be taken at the University of Montana.
- Up to 30 semester masters degree credits, 10 of which may be for thesis, research, or independent study courses, may be applied to the 60 credit requirement.
  - The Graduate School will only accept research/thesis credits to transfer if those credits were from a Master's degree earned at UM.
  - Transfer credits cannot be applied until a student has successfully completed one semester in our program, per Graduate School policy.
- The only required coursework for the Ph.D. program is at least two semesters of WILD 594 (Graduate Seminar). Additionally, each student should be able to demonstrate, through appropriate coursework, competence in some aspect of 1) theory, 2) applications, and 3) methods. Most students' coursework will also include appropriate biometry/statistics courses. Additional required coursework will be determined by each student's graduate committee. These courses will be selected primarily to assist the student in planning, conducting, and writing the dissertation.
- At least two semesters teaching experience, usually as a teaching assistant, for each Ph.D. candidate prior to graduation.
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