



**Combined Master of Science in Biology, M.S. (Non-thesis Track)
and Master of Business Administration, M.B.A.
45 Credit Hours**

Program Description

The University of West Georgia offers a path for students to concurrently earn their M.S. in Biology (Non-thesis Track) and M.B.A. degrees. This option develops the proficiencies students need to succeed in today's competitive job market. A combined M.S. in Biology and M.B.A. provides interdisciplinary training for students interested in careers spanning science and business, such as biotechnology, biomedical sciences, and environmental consulting. The Richards College of Business at the University of West Georgia is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB).

Both UWG programs allow students to take elective courses outside their major, facilitating a streamlined pathway to receiving two degrees. The MS Biology non-thesis track accepts up to 3 courses outside the major (9 credit hours), and the MBA accepts 2 content courses from biology (6 credit hours). Through promotion and strategic advising, students can reduce the number of credit hours for both degrees from 60 to 45. If you choose to pursue these combined programs, meet with each program's graduate coordinator to develop your course plan. You will also need to apply to each program separately and be admitted. An example three-year program plan (fall start) is shown on the next two pages.

The program map below provides an example of a three-year plan.

<p align="center">Program Map Combined MS Biology (Non-thesis track) & MBA 45 Credit Hours</p>			
<p align="center">FALL START</p>			
<p align="center">Fall #1</p>		<p align="center">Spring #1</p>	
<p>Course</p>	<p>Credits</p>	<p>Course</p>	<p>Credits</p>
BIOL 6984 Graduate Biology Seminar	1	BIOL 5000/6000 Elective	3
BIOL 5000/6000 Elective	3	BIOL 5000/6000 Elective	3
ACCT 6232 Managerial Accounting	3	FINC 6532 Finance	3
BIOL SEMESTER TOTAL	4	BIOL SEMESTER TOTAL	6
MBA SEMESTER TOTAL	3	MBA SEMESTER TOTAL	3
<p align="center">Milestones</p>		<p align="center">Milestones</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select a biology advisor Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 	
<p align="center">Summer #1</p>		<p align="center">Fall #2</p>	
<p>Course</p>	<p>Credits</p>	<p>Course</p>	<p>Credits</p>
BIOL 5000/6000 Elective	3	BIOL 5000/6000 Elective	3
MGNT 6670 Org. Theory & Behavior	3	MKTG 6815 Marketing Strategy	3
		MBA Elective (in RCOB)	3
BIOL SEMESTER TOTAL	3	BIOL SEMESTER TOTAL	3
MBA SEMESTER TOTAL	3	MBA SEMESTER TOTAL	6
<p align="center">Milestones</p>		<p align="center">Milestones</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 	

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FALL START

Spring #2		Summer #2	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
BIOL 6984 Graduate Biology Seminar	1	BIOL 6995 Comprehensive Exam	1
BIOL 5000/6000 Elective	3	MGNT 6681 SEG Management	3
ECON 6450 Managerial Economics	3	MBA Elective (in RCOB)	3
BIOL SEMESTER TOTAL	4	BIOL SEMESTER TOTAL	1
MBA SEMESTER TOTAL	3	MBA SEMESTER TOTAL	6
Milestones		Milestones	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 • Apply for summer graduation 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 • Pass Comp. Exams (BIOL 6995 & MGNT 6681) 	

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