



### **The mystery of degree counting credits - EXPLAINED**

Must take 9 credits of BIOL 695 (Graduate Research) towards degree. Students often take additional BIOL 695 credits in specific semesters in order to maintain full time status – but these additional BIOL 695 credits do not count towards the degree.

Must take 1 credit of BIOL 682 (Research Seminar) towards the degree. Up to 3 credits of BIOL 682 (Research Seminar) can count towards degree, and most student take this course, each of their first 3 semesters.

Must take 6 credits of BIOL 700 towards degree. Students should take 12 credits of BIOL 700 during their 4<sup>th</sup> semester (for administrative purposes); however these additional BIOL 700 credits do not count towards the degree. If a student has attained Research Grad status by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester, those 12 credits are only charged at the 1 credit rate.

**Minimum of 9 credits each semester to be considered full time.**