

**INTENT TO APPLY FOR THE
BIOCHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
BS/MS PROGRAM**

NAME:

CSU ID #:

RESEARCH MENTOR:

The Department offers a combined BS/MS degree program in which well-prepared undergraduates can complete their B.S. and M.S. (Plan A) degrees in 5 years. The Plan A Masters degree requires the completion of an original research thesis. Completion of this program will provide a student with intensive didactic instruction and research experience in a specific area of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Important information regarding the BS/MS program:

- You must formally apply to the CSU Graduate School in order to complete the BS/MS program. This can be done as early as the last semester of your junior year, however your status will not change to graduate level until the semester that you reach 120 credits. (It is recommended that you wait until your senior year to apply.)
- Any 500 level courses taken at the undergraduate level that you wish to use for the Master's degree must be formally excluded from the B.S. program prior to the end of the semester these courses are taken. The form for excluding courses is found on the BMB or Registrar's website and should be turned in to the Degree Office. (This must also be done in the opposite circumstance where you may be taking courses to finish your B.S. while admitted at the graduate level.)
- You should plan to take BC563 & BC565 instead of BC463 & BC465 and take BC512 simultaneously with CHEM471, and then file the appropriate Course Exclusion paperwork if necessary.
- All courses taken during semesters that you are at the undergraduate level are figured into the undergraduate GPA even if these courses will be used for your Master's degree. Any courses that you may take while finishing your B.S. once you are formally admitted into the Master's program (after 120 credits) will figure into the graduate GPA. *This can have a significant effect on your graduate GPA as there are fewer credits overall and a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA is required.*
- Once your status changes to graduate level, you will begin paying graduate tuition and fees. You will also become ineligible for certain financial aid that is only offered to undergraduates. A departmental stipend is not guaranteed for Master's students and is at the research mentor's discretion.

By signing this form the student indicates that he or she plans to apply for the combined BS/MS program and has discussed these plans with their research mentor.

Student's

Signature:

Date:

Undergraduate Advisor's

Signature:

Date:

Graduate Mentor's

Signature (if different from undergrad advisor):

Date:

**This form is only a summary. Please visit the BMB website for more information and a sample curriculum (http://www.bmb.colostate.edu/bsms_new.cfm) and check in with your mentor and/or office staff throughout your program.