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**Program Notes**

Required courses include; Scientific Communication: General Seminar (BIO 560; 1 credit), Scientific Communication: Special Topics Seminar (BIO 561; 1 credit), and Research Methods in Biology (BIO 550; 1 credits, this course must be completed during the first year of study).

In addition, each student will demonstrate the ‘exit’ option chosen by the student in consultation with the graduate coordinator. Exit options: thesis, comprehensive examination, or special project. All coursework must earn a “B” or better average (GPA=3.0). Specific BIO 5XX Elective options can be viewed in the graduate course catalog.

For more information regarding academic requirements, please visit the program page at http://catalog.southernct.edu. Any questions about academic requirements should be directed to an advisor.