

# PLAN OF STUDY TOWARD THE M.S. DEGREE

This document is to be completed by the student and his or her supervisory committee at a meeting of all members within two weeks of the committee's approved formation. It is intended to set an agreed upon plan of coursework for the student and will be retained in the student's file. A student cannot be recommended for graduation by SAFS until all required courses are completed.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Professor: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered M.S. Program: Autumn \_\_\_\_\_ Winter \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_\_  
   (year)  (year)  (year)  (year)

**A. Required SAFS core courses:** the 15 credits below must be completed or waived via approved petition before graduation.

Course	Title	Credits	Grading Basis	Quarter & Year to be Completed	Check if Waived**
<b>QSCI 482</b>	Statistical Inference	5	numerical		
<b>Current Topics -</b> 2 courses required (FISH 510, 511, 512, 513, and/or 514*)	FISH: _____ Title: _____	2	CR/NC		
	FISH: _____ Title: _____	2	CR/NC		
<b>FISH 521</b>	Research Proposal	4	numerical		
<b>FISH 522</b>	Classical Literature	2	CR/NC		

\*FISH 578/BIOL 570A & QERM 597 are pre-approved substitutions for the 5-teen "Current Topics" requirement. Other substitutions may be made via the petition process (see the Graduate Advisor).

\*\*Waivers are approved via petition only (see the Graduate Advisor). If a student waives any core requirements or takes them for fewer than the above credits, s/he will likely need additional numerically graded and/or 500-level credits.

**B. Additional required coursework determined in conjunction with Supervisory Committee:** 12 or more credits of 400-, 500-, or 600-level courses that must be completed before graduation. Do not include FISH 700 in this section. Use the back of this form if more space is needed.

Course	Quarter & Year to be Completed	Credits	Grading Basis (numerical, CR/NC, or S/NS)
<i>Example: FISH 558</i>	<i>Autumn 2007</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>numerical</i>

**Total numerically graded credits (from sections A and B combined):** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Note: students must earn at least 18 credits of numerically graded coursework at the 400-level or higher.

**C. Recommended (i.e., optional) coursework determined in conjunction with Supervisory Committee:** these courses are recommended, but not required, to graduate. Include audited courses in this section. Use the back of this form or a separate sheet if more space is needed.

Course	Quarter & Year to be Completed	Credits	Check if Audited*
<i>Example: FISH 453A</i>	<i>Autumn 2008</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>✓</i>

\*The Student Services Office will not track whether audited courses were completed.

**D. Overall course requirements (each must be satisfied before graduation using all completed coursework):**

- 18 credits of numerically graded UW courses at the 400- or 500-level\*
- 18 credits of UW courses at 500-level or above (can include 9 credits of FISH 700–Master’s Thesis)\*
- 18 credits of FISH 700–Master’s Thesis
- 27 course (i.e., non-thesis) credits
- 45 total credits at the 400-level or higher
- No more than 6 transfer credits from another institution
- No more than 12 credits total derived from any combination of UW Graduate Non-matriculated credits and transfer credits
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Grades of 2.7, CR, or S in all courses counted toward the M.S.

\*Cannot include transfer credit from another institution.

**E. Thesis Proposal submission date (estimated):** \_\_\_\_\_

Note: normally submitted by end of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, or Autumn Quarter of 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

**F. Proposed thesis title:**

**G. Additions, modifications, or other notes by the Supervisory Committee:**

**Approval of Supervisory Committee:**

Role	Printed Name	Signature	Date
Chair	_____	_____	_____
Member	_____	_____	_____
Member	_____	_____	_____
Member	_____	_____	_____