Curriculum Designation and Faculty Agreement Form

Curriculum designation

As an applicant for graduate studies in the Department of Biology at Southeast Missouri State University, it is important that you recognize and understand the two Masters of Natural Science degree tracks offered. These tracks are termed Plan A and B, with the differences defined below:

**Plan A:** A graduate program that culminates in the production of a thesis. Completion of a thesis is research intensive, but course work is also required in this track.

**Plan B:** A graduate program that requires course work, but also includes a graduate paper that may involve hands-on experience. Passing a comprehensive examination in a specialized area related to the Plan B paper is also required.

All applicants, Plan A or B, should signify that they have read and understand the differences between the tracks by signing here:

Applicant signature:________________________________ Date:___________________

Any questions about these two different curricula should be emailed to Dr. Rebecka Brasso (Graduate Committee Chair); email: rbrasso@semo.edu

Faculty Agreement

All applicants, Plan A or B, are required to have a faculty advisor at the time of application to be considered for admission into the graduate studies program in the Department of Biology. Applicants should signify that they received confirmation from a faculty member in the Department of Biology to serve as their faculty mentor by signing below:

I, _____________________________, would like to join the Department of Biology at Southeast Missouri State University as a Plan A / Plan B (circle one) graduate student. I understand that to be considered for admission I must have a faculty advisor. I have contacted Dr. _________________ and he/she has agreed to advise me through my chosen graduate program.

Student signature: ____________________________ Date:__________________

Faculty advisor signature: ______________________ Date:__________________