**INSTRUCTIONS**

**A Plan of Work** detailing the student's complete program must be completed and submitted to the student's academic advisor and the Graduate Program Chair for approval upon completion of 8 credit hours of coursework.

**Preparing the Plan:** The student shall list on the Plan of Work form ALL the courses he/she has already taken for the degree and all future courses that will be taken to complete the degree. Future courses should be selected in consultation with the student's academic advisor and the following requirements must be fulfilled.

**Degree Plans and Requirements:** Both thesis and non-thesis options are available.

- Total credits required are **32** for thesis degree plan and are **34** for non-thesis degree plan.
- Students must pass all core courses before advancing to upper level courses.
- No class with a grade less than B- will count towards the completion of the degree.
- The following **9** credits of core courses are required for Thesis and Non-Thesis degree plan.
  - BME 7995 (4 cr) - Advanced Quantitative Physiology
  - BME 5020 (4 cr) - Math and Computer Applications
  - BME 8070 (1 cr) - Seminar in Biomedical Engineering
- For the remaining credits (**23/25** for Thesis/Non-Thesis), the following guidelines must be followed for preparing Plan of Work.
  
  **For Thesis Degree Plan:**
  - 15 credits of elective courses (at least 4 credits in BME/Approved list)
    - Minimum of **6** credits at the 7000-level or above *
    - Maximum of **4** credits in 7990 or 7996 (Directed study or research)
  - 8 credits of 8999 - Master's Thesis Research

  **For Non-Thesis Degree Plan:**
  - 25 credits of general courses (at least 12 credits in BME/Approved list)
    - Minimum of **9** credits at the 7000-level or above * (with 6 credits in BME/Approved list)
    - Maximum of **4** credits in 7990 or 7996 (Directed study or research)
    - Maximum of **4** credits in BME 6991 (Internship)

  *7990, 7996, and 8999 credits cannot be counted towards the minimum number of 7000-level credits in either the thesis or non-thesis program

- The listed Curriculum Tracks on the BME website should serve as a guide in the development of this plan.

**Transfer of Credits:** A maximum of **8** semester hours of credit from graduate school at other institutions may be transferred to the M.S. program provided that the following conditions apply:

- The credit is certified as graduate-level on an official transcript of the original institution.
- The coursework is applicable to the BME degree program.
- The credit has not been used toward the requirements of another earned degree.
- The course was completed with a grade of B or better.

**Note:** B- grades are not acceptable for transfer.

Students wishing to apply transfer credit to their program should include those courses in the appropriate categories of the Plan of Work. The student must also file a petition for the acceptance of the transfer credit. The petition must be approved by the student's advisor, the Graduate Program Chair and Graduate School.