**Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences**

**DESCRIPTION**

The Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences can be completed with an emphasis in environmental toxicology, medicinal chemistry, pharmaceutics, pharmacology, pharmacognosy, or pharmacy administration.

**MINIMUM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 54**

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Requirements for each emphasis area are given in the respective program description sections.

**Emphasis – Environmental Toxicology**

**DESCRIPTION**

The PhD in pharmaceutical sciences with emphasis in environmental toxicology prepares a graduate to perform independent research and solve problems related to environmental health issues. Graduates are likely to find careers in academics, industry or government service.

Note: For more information, refer to the student handbook

<http://pharmacy.olemiss.edu/biomolecularsciences/gradprogram/bms-graduate-student-handbook/>

**GOALS/MISSION STATEMENT**

The academic mission of the Department of BioMolecular Sciences, Division Environmental Toxicology is to conduct research and educational activities that seek to identify and resolve problems related to environmental health issues.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

The requirements for the Ph.D. with emphasis in environmental toxicology consist of a minimum of 14 core course hours (PHCL675: Principles of Pharmacology and Toxicology-4h, PHCL547: Environmental Toxicology-2h, PHCL 681: Advanced Topics in Toxicology-2 h, BISC 504 Biometry-3h, BMS 605: ORP- 1h, and BMS 601: Graduate Student Survival Strategies- 2h), in addition to a minimum of 14 course hour electives, exclusive of graded seminars (see below), from BioMolecular Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Engineering or other graduate level programs (contingent upon Division of Environmental Toxicology faculty approval).

A minimum of 18 hours of dissertation research must also be taken to meet degree requirements.

Seminar Requirement - Students are required to register for BMS 643 (Z-grade) every semester, with the exception of those semesters in which the student presents a seminar and instead registers for BMS 641 (graded). No more than 8 seminar hours can be used toward the 54 minimum total credit hours.

**OTHER ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

Original Research Proposal - A student must prepare, submit, and successfully (orally) defend an original research proposal (ORP). Procedures for this requirement will be provided by the department. Students will register for BMS 605 (Original Research Proposal BioMolecular Sciences) in the semester they anticipate defending their ORP.

Dissertation - A student must prepare and orally defend a dissertation based on original, independent research in partial fulfillment of their Ph.D. degree.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS**

Environmental toxicology graduate students must meet a high level of academic achievement to maintain eligibility. Students are expected to maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0 (B).