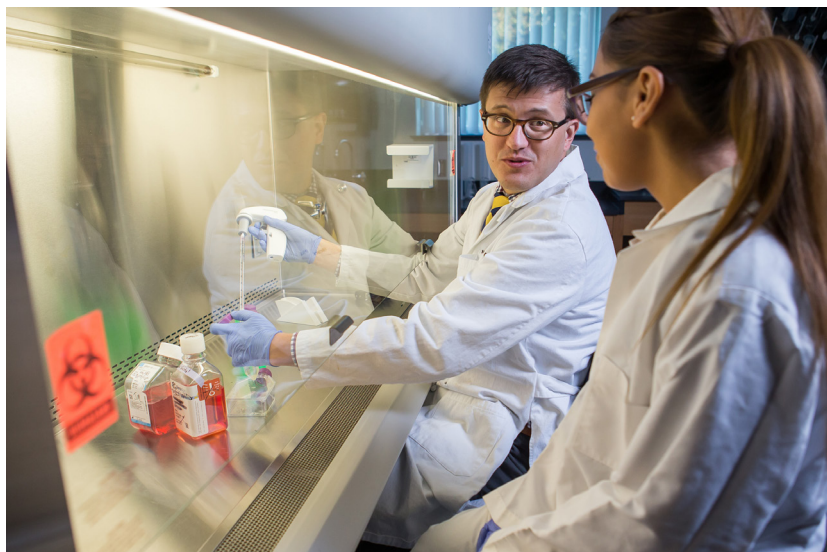


Biological Sciences

Master of Science



Top-notch Facilities, Highly Supportive Faculty

Whether you're working toward a career in academics, teaching, or seeking specialized expertise to advance your career, our Biology master's degree program offers a range of advantages to support your success. You'll be in a \$42 million science facility with state-of-the-art research labs and computing technology while working closely with faculty

and other students. If you ask our students and faculty, they'll tell you that UNC's people really set our Biology master's program apart. You'll build strong, supportive relationships with faculty who are teachers, mentors and colleagues. They'll offer you academic and professional guidance to help you get the most out of the Biology master's program.

Career Pathway

The biology master's degree can support a wide variety of career options and outcomes. Advanced science expertise is in high demand in dynamic industries such as health care, medicine, pharmaceuticals, gerontology, food, energy, environmental sciences and government agencies.

Universities, colleges and secondary schools are constantly in need of well-qualified STEM educators. Faculty and advisers in our biology master's program will work closely with you to ensure that you tailor your studies to specific career outcomes.

Degree Options

UNC enables you to personalize your M.S. in Biological Sciences and achieve your goals by offering two degree options:

- **Thesis** - for students seeking a foundation for doctoral studies or preparation for a career in research, biotechnology or government agencies.
- **Non-Thesis** - a good fit for biology or science teachers who seek to deepen their content knowledge, or for students in a biomedical career path seeking to advance their knowledge in the rapidly changing area of biology. Now offered online!

Program Details

- Greeley Campus Delivery
- Extended Campus: Online delivery of non-thesis emphasis, more at EXTENDED.UNCO.EDU
- Credits Required: 30
- Time to Completion: Three to five semesters
- Classes Start: Spring and Fall semesters

Related Programs

- Biomedical Science, MBS
- Biological Education, Ph.D.

Cost and Value

Tuition rates are based on the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Colorado Resident Tuition: \$649 per credit hour plus fees.

Nonresident Tuition: \$1,217 per credit hour plus fees.

Extended Campus: \$597 per credit hour.

UNC is regularly called out as a top value for both resident and nonresident students, and the university offers financial aid packages for qualified students. For more information, visit [UNCO.EDU/COSTS](https://unco.edu/costs).

Financing your Education

UNC offers a variety of financial support options, including:

- Several competitive graduate and teaching assistantships
- Colorado resident tuition for students from 15 western states is offered through the Western Regional Graduate Program. To see if you qualify visit [UNCO.EDU/GRADUATE-SCHOOL/FUNDING/WESTERN-REGIONAL-GRADUATE-PROGRAM.ASPX](https://unco.edu/graduate-school/funding/western-regional-graduate-program.aspx)

For more information contact Financial Aid at [UNCO.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID/](https://unco.edu/financial-aid/).

Faculty Spotlight

Mitchell McGlaughlin, Ph.D.

Associate Professor Mitchell McGlaughlin's passion for teaching his students about plants and their importance, and his research on plant speciation and genetics, offers students unique opportunities. He focuses his research and teaching on using genetic tools — like DNA sequencing— to understand plant speciation and to help manage and understand plant diversity. His work encompasses rare plant species in the California Channel Islands, Hawaii and Colorado.

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About UNC Graduate School

The University of Northern Colorado, founded in 1889, is Colorado's right-sized doctoral research university, serving a diverse student body around the world. Given its size, program mix, and mission, UNC offers students the access and opportunities of a small college along with the nationally recognized programs, research funding and facilities that come with being a leading U.S. university. Students seeking preparation for a world (and workplace) full of opportunities and options, complexities and cultures, diversity and demands, will find faculty mentors and excited fellow students to engage with here at UNC.

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