

**COURSE SYLLABUS FOR M.S. Project**  
ENTO 888---Department of Entomology  
College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources/IANR  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**I. Course Objectives**

After completing the course, you should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a command of entomological knowledge and scientific principles
2. Demonstrate an ability to apply graduate coursework in an area of specific professional or personal interest to you.

**II. Course Instructors**

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**III. About this Course**

This course serves as a capstone experience for students in the Online M.S. Degree in Entomology program. The intent of the course is to provide students an opportunity to apply knowledge and skills developed through their M.S. program in an area of particular applicability to their professional and personal interests. In developing the Online M.S. Degree in Entomology program, the faculty determined that the degree project is a valuable and essential component of the graduate education experience.

**IV. Course Activities**

This course represents an independent project conducted by senior graduate students in the Online M.S. Degree in Entomology. Essentially, five steps are required:

1. View lectures about M.S. Project process and requirements; take quizzes over material and provide periodical check-ins about progress
2. Develop Topic; instructors review and approve
3. Write project proposal; instructors review and approve
4. Develop project; consult with instructors throughout process
5. Submit final project; instructors review and give final approval
6. Present online seminar about project

Examples for possible directions for the Online M.S. Degree can be found in the [Examples of Focus Areas](#) section of the Entomology Department website. Instructors will work with students to provide direction and specify project expectations. Specific requirements and steps may be found on the [general M.S. Project webpage](#).

Once students have determined a direction for their project, the topic idea should be sent to the M.S. Project Coordinator, [Erin Bauer](#), for approval ***within two weeks of the semester you are registered for the course.***

**V. Course Outline and Steps**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Tasks and Assignments Due</b>
Week 1	Quiz 1
Week 2	Quiz 2
Week 3	Quiz 3; Topic Idea due
Week 4	Check-in 1
Week 5	Topic Proposal due
Week 6	Check-in 2

Week 7	
Week 8	Final M.S. Project due ( <b>for graduating students</b> )
Week 9	
Week 10	Final M.S. Project due ( <b>rest of class</b> )
Week 11	Check-in 3
Week 12	Project seminar due
Week 13	Check-in 4
Week 14	Final Project revisions
Week 15	Dead week, revisions due
Week 16	Finals week, nothing due

## VI. Grading

Course grading is Pass/No Pass. Instructors will mentor students in the development of the proposal, in project implementation, and completion of projects. A passing grade will be awarded students who create an original work that demonstrates a scholarly understanding of entomology and reflects the personal or professional interests of the student. These projects can take many forms, such as scholarly reviews, teaching or training materials, multimedia, surveys, and other items that represent a substantial intellectual contribution to the field of entomology, but must be submitted in a final portfolio format that contains a written summary and all relevant products. Final projects will be reviewed and approved by the instructors. A No Pass will automatically be assigned if the portfolio and other requirements are not completed in the time frame given.

**VII. Course Policies and Resources:** Visit the link below for UNL policies on Attendance, Academic Honesty, Students with Disabilities, Mental Health and Well Being, Emergency Procedures, Diversity and Inclusion, Title IX, and Final Exam Schedules.

<https://executivevc.unl.edu/academic-excellence/teaching-resources/course-policies>