

**Western Kentucky University**  
**Department of Biology**

**Statement of Intent to Enter the Joint Undergraduate-Master's Program (JUMP) in Biology**

By signing below, the student certifies the following:

- The student intends to enter a Joint BS/MS program to complete both B.S. and M.S. degrees in biology, completing a mixture of undergraduate and graduate coursework.
- The student currently possesses a minimum of 3.2 GPA, has completed a minimum of 45 hours at WKU toward the B.S. degree, and has completed no more than 90 hours of undergraduate coursework at WKU.
- The student understands that completion of at least 120 hours of credits, including completion of the biology major, a minor or second major if applicable, and the requirements for general education, is required for obtaining the B.S. degree.
- The student understands that completion of the M.S. degree in biology requires a minimum of 30 hours of graduate credits, which includes 6 hours of thesis credits, and a biology advisor who is Graduate Faculty. No more than 12 hours of 400-level G courses can be completed as part of the graduate curriculum, and no more than a total of 12 hours of graduate credit may count toward both the B.S. and M.S. degrees. The student further understands that a B.S. degree must be completed prior to the M.S. degree.
- The student will be considered an undergraduate student until completion of at least 120 hours of total undergraduate and graduate credits. The student must apply to the Graduate School before or upon earning 18 graduate degree credits. GRE scores, required for admission to the Graduate School, must be submitted prior to earning 120 credit hours. The student will then enter graduate standing.

**Signatures**

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Student

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Date

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BS/MS faculty advisor

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Date

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Department Head

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Date

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Dean of Graduate School

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Date