Policy on Thesis Credits

Graduate programs have the discretion to determine when it is academically appropriate for students to take thesis credits.

The Graduate Program in Oral Biology allows thesis credits to be taken as follows:

- Students pursuing the MS in Oral Biology will work with their advisor to determine the best time to enroll in thesis credits. Most commonly, this will be after two semesters or more of course work.

- Students pursuing the PhD in Oral Biology are strongly encouraged to pass both the preliminary written and preliminary oral examinations before enrolling in thesis credits. Because the preliminary written examination is a thesis proposal, students must pass the preliminary written examination before thesis credits may be taken. Permission to take thesis credits before the preliminary oral examination is granted on a case-by-case basis by the Director of Graduate Studies.