

## MSU Vesta-linked Accelerated Master's Degree Program

### Track 1 – Non-thesis

A scientific literature review on a topic approved by the student's graduate advisor must be completed in this program track. It is suggested that the student and advisor decide on the topic early in the program and at least by the beginning of the semester prior to graduation.

The literature review work will be done in the Research (3 credits) and Seminar (2 credits) courses. A paper must be completed that is at least 10 pages double spaces with at least 10 references, 5 of which must be from refereed professional journals. A seminar presentation of this work is due to the graduate committee prior to graduation.

Scientific literature review guidelines:

Literature Reviews

<http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/literature-reviews/>

Ten Simple Rules for Writing a Literature Review

<http://journals.plos.org/ploscompbiol/article?id=10.1371/journal.pcbi.1003149>

32 graduate level credits are need to complete this degree with at least 16 credits need to be at the 700 level or higher.

The undergraduate Vesta courses that are linked to the MSU graduate courses must also be completed as well as the Vesta prerequisites.

Program cost for 32 MSU Graduate credits is estimated at \$ 8,600

The separate program cost of the linked undergraduate Vesta courses is estimated at \$ 5,800

The total cost of the MSU Vesta-linked master's program is estimated at \$14,400