* + Department of Computer and Information Sciences
	+ Master of Science

Bioinformatics & Computational Biology - Life Sciences Concentration (BICB-MS)

* **Provide a brief summary of the proposed program changes and describe the rationale for the change(s):\***

Provide a MS Non-Thesis option in addition to the MS Thesis option. This will allow up to six credits of Special Problem courses or additional Bioinformatics elective courses to be taken instead of six credits of Thesis. This change is consistent with what other interdisciplinary degree programs such as MS in Data Science are offering as well other MS degrees in the College of Engineering (e.g., MS in Mechanical Engineering, MS in Computer & Information Sciences, MS in Electrical & Computer Engineering).

All master's degree students receiving research assistantship, at any point in their program, must take the MS Thesis option.

BINF666: Special Problems (1-6)

The Special Problems credits must be related to the program objectives in bioinformatics and computational biology, and approved by the Graduate Program Committee.