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RE: Roadmap for Fisheries PhD program

The Fisheries MSc program generates individualized roadmaps for each graduate student in consultation with the student's graduate committee. Admissions requirements include the submission of GRE scores and:

- 1) Completion of a Master's degree in a fisheries related field, or,
- 2) Endorsement by the proposed chair of the graduate advisory committee and (3) or (4) for below,
- 3) At least one first authored publication in a peer-reviewed journal, or,
- 4) Demonstrate research proficiency as outlined in the UAF catalog. Students who elect this route must fulfill course requirements as outlined for both the MSc and PhD degrees.

The individualized graduate student study plan includes at least one year of full-time courses, as approved by the student's advisory committee, with a minimum of 18 credits required. All core courses are taught using distance education techniques, so that students can be located in either Fairbanks or Juneau, where the Fisheries Division of SFOS is headquartered. In addition, each student must complete a thesis.