BIOPHYSICS GRADUATE PROGRAM

TYPICAL CHRONOLOGY OF PH.D. DEGREE

**Year 1**
Complete at least 4 courses, including research ethics requirement and Biophysics Seminar (801).
Two research rotations (Biophysics 890 – Fall and Winter terms).
Select thesis advisor by May 1 deadline.
Start thesis research.

**Year 2**
Complete remaining courses.
Continue thesis research (Biophysics 990).
Assemble Dissertation Committee (by mid-Feb.).
Complete preliminary exam.
Achieve Candidacy status by May 1.

**Year 3**
Continue thesis research (Biophysics 995).
Data meeting (report to committee) and present research prospectus.
Present public seminar (if ready).

**Year 4-5**
Continue thesis research (Biophysics 995).
Data meetings (report to committee).
Present public seminar (during 4th year).
Dissertation defense.