

General Timetable to Ph.D. Conferral

For students entering in 2019 and beyond

Year 1 (pre-candidate)

- Complete at least 18 credit hours of course work (spread over fall and winter semesters)
- Conduct at least 2 lab rotations (typically one per semester)
- Complete of the Responsible Conduct of Research & Scholarship requirement
- Select a lab mentor (selection form due May 30)
- Take at least 1 semester of the biophysics seminar course (801)
- Complete preliminary examination: Checkpoint 1 (first offered in spring of first year)

Year 2

- Assemble dissertation committee (Form due at end of fall semester)
- Take at least 1 semester of the biophysics seminar course (801)
- Complete annual evaluation form with mentor (Form due spring term)
- Defend thesis proposal: Checkpoint 2 (First session held in Winter term)

Year 3

- Hold annual meeting of the dissertation committee.
- Take at least 1 semester of the biophysics seminar course (801)
- Complete annual evaluation form with mentor (Form due during spring term)

Year 4

- Present 20 min public seminar (Fall semester)
 - Hold annual meeting of the dissertation committee.
 - Take at least 1 semester of the biophysics seminar course (801)
 - Complete annual evaluation form with mentor (Form due during spring term)
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Year 5 and beyond:

- Hold annual meeting of the dissertation committee. When appropriate, the committee grants permission to schedule the PhD defense.
- Complete annual evaluation form with mentor (Form due during spring term)
- When appropriate, schedule and take the Thesis Defense.

For students entering prior to 2019:

Year 1

- Complete at least 18 credit hours of course work (spread over fall and winter semesters, must be completed or in process to schedule the candidacy exam.)
- Conduct at least 2 lab rotations (typically one per semester)
- Complete of the Responsible Conduct of Research & Scholarship requirement
- Select a lab mentor (selection form due May 30)
- Take at least 1 semester of the biophysics seminar course (801)
- Assemble candidacy committee

Year 2

- Take at least 1 semester of the biophysics seminar course (801)
- Complete annual evaluation form with mentor (Form due spring term)
- Take candidacy exam (dissertation proposal) (First exam must be taken by May 30)

Year 3

- Hold annual meeting of the dissertation committee.
- Take at least 1 semester of the biophysics seminar course (801)
- Complete annual evaluation form with mentor (Form due during spring term)

Year 4

- Present 20 min public seminar (Fall semester)
- Hold annual meeting of the dissertation committee.
- Take at least 1 semester of the biophysics seminar course (801)

- Complete annual evaluation form with mentor (Form due during spring term)

Year 5 and beyond:

- Hold annual meeting of the dissertation committee. When appropriate, the committee grants permission to schedule the PhD defense.
- Complete annual evaluation form with mentor (Form due during spring term)

When appropriate, schedule and take the Thesis Defense.