General Timetable to Ph.D. Conferral

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)

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.