

## 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:

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- 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.