Doctoral BCB Program Overview

Your research career begins in your first semester by; selecting appropriate courses, meeting regularly with faculty advisor, incorporating lab rotations, and using limited directed studies.

1. **Doctoral Coursework** (see catalog for specific degree requirement)
2. **Register** each semester for courses (use first-year plan as guide)
3. **Create Program of Study** (in consultation with temporary faculty advisor) and submit to Graduate Coordinator. Due end of first semester (revise annually)
4. **Complete core courses** BINF 690, 701, 702, 730, 731, and 740 by end of third semester
5. **Identify Committee Chair** and Register for BINF 998 (most or all necessary coursework should be completed)
6. **Written Comp Exam** (offered in January each year)
7. **Form a Committee** (at least 3 members) in consultation with Committee Chair (submit Graduate Committee Formation form)
8. **Written Proposal** (progress report for BINF 998 CRN – required every semester until advancement)
9. **Proposal Defense** (committee signs Proposal Approval form)
10. **Advancement to Candidacy** (submit copy of proposal, Proposal Approval form, and updated Program of Study to GC); **deadlines** are spring - June 1, fall - October 15
11. **Dissertation research** (Register for 3 credits minimum of BINF 999 after advancement term appears in Degreeworks and continue BINF 999 through graduation)
12. **Written Dissertation** (submit Dissertation Progress Report for BINF 999 CRN – required every semester)
13. **Oral Pre-defense** (Submit PhD Dissertation Pre-Defense Approval form signed by committee members to GC)
14. **Oral Final Defense** (announcement required 15 days prior, contact GC for template)
15. **Finalize Dissertation** – obtain signatures from committee, SSB Director, and COS Deans (see SSB website for document format and library submission deadlines)

You are Done – Congratulations!