School of Systems Biology

Doctoral BIOS Program Overview

Doctoral Coursework
(see catalog for specific degree requirement)

Register each semester for courses (use first-year plan as guide)

Create Program of Study (in consultation with temporary faculty advisor) and submit to Graduate Coordinator. Due by the end of second semester (revise annually)

Complete required coursework. Your research career begins in the first semester, remember to incorporate lab rotations, limited directed studies and meetings with faculty advisor throughout.

Form a Committee
(at least 4 members) in consultation with Committee Chair (submit Graduate Committee Formation form). Register for BIOS 998

Written Comp Exam
(created by committee, 1-week take home exam)

Written Proposal
(dissertation progress report for BIOS 998 CRN – required every semester until advancement)

Proposal Defense
(committee signs Proposal Approval form)

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

Dissertation Research
(Register for 3 credits minimum of BIOS 999 after advancement term appears in Degreeworks and continue BIOS 999 through graduation)

Written Dissertation
(dissertation progress report for BIOS 999 CRN – required every semester until graduation)

Oral Pre-defense
(PhD Dissertation Pre-Defense Approval form signed by committee members)

Oral Final Defense
(announcement required at least 15 days prior, contact GC for template)

Finalize Dissertation – obtain signatures from committee, SSB Director, and COS Dean (see SSB website for format review and library submission deadlines)

You are Done – Congratulations!

Don’t forget to apply to graduate