**MS BCB Program Overview**

**School of Systems Biology**

- **Graduate Coursework** (see catalog for specific degree requirement)
  - Create **Program of Study** (in consultation with temporary faculty advisor) and submit to **Graduate Coordinator** (GC). Due end of first semester (revise as needed)

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

- **Research** – decide if you wish to complete project or thesis. Selection of project requires summary, oral (poster) presentation. Thesis requires written proposal, public oral defense and library submission

- **Form a Committee** (required for thesis) in consultation with faculty advisor (submit Graduate Committee Formation form to GC).

- **If Master’s Research Project** (faculty advisor/program director must approve project prior to registering for BINF 798)

- **Presentation** – may be in form of oral talk, poster or digital presentation at SSB Student Research Day or another event pre-approved by Program Director

- **Submit Project Report** to research advisor or faculty advisor for grade

- **Don’t forget to apply to graduate**

- **Thesis** (committee must approve proposal prior to registering for BINF 799)

- **Format** meeting with Library (see SSB website for submission deadlines)

- **Request room reservation** from SSB Admin Assistant. Upon room confirmation send public **defense announcement** info to GC (request announcement template)

- **Oral Defense** (announcement required 2 weeks prior)

- **Finalize Thesis** – obtain signatures from committee, SSB Director, and COS Dean (see SSB website for library submission deadlines)

- **You are Done – Congratulations!**