

# First Year

## MS

Finish Rotations and Choose Major Professor  
by End of Spring Semester of First Year

**Form: Lab Rotation Forms - Due by  
Midpoint of Fall and Spring Semester**

## PhD

Finish Rotations and Choose Major Professor  
by End of Fall Semester of First Year

## MS & PhD

Select and Submit Committee  
Members Two Weeks Before  
First Committee Meeting is to  
be Held

**Forms: Advisory  
Committee Approval  
Form; Statement of  
Research**

## MS

Hold First Committee Meeting by End of First  
Year

**Forms: Annual Committee  
Advisement Form; Program of Study**

## PhD

Hold First Committee Meeting by End of First  
Year

**Forms: Annual Committee  
Advisement Form; Preliminary  
Program of Study**

# Second Year

## MS

Hold Second Committee  
Meeting Prior to Thesis  
Defense

**Forms: Annual  
Committee  
Advisement Form**

## PhD

Hold Second Committee  
Meeting by End of Second  
Year

**Forms: Annual  
Committee Advisement  
Form; Final  
Program of Study**

## MS

Target Thesis Defense Date by End of Second Year  
**Forms: Approval Form for Master's Thesis and  
Final Oralty Examination; Electronic Thesis and  
Dissertation Submission Approval Form**

## PhD

Complete Final Program of Study and Written  
Comprehensive Exam by End of Second Year  
**Forms: Final Program of Study; Report on  
Written Comprehensive Examination**

## Third Year

### PhD

If Not Already Completed,  
Request A Final Program of Study  
from the Graduate Coordinator's  
Assistant At Least Four Weeks  
Before Oral Comprehensive Exam  
is to be Held

### PhD

Submit A Signed Final Program of  
Study & Oral Exam Date, Time, and  
Location Three Weeks Before Oral  
Comprehensive Exam is to be Held  
**Form: Final Program of Study**

### PhD

Hold Oral Comprehensive Exam by End of Fall  
Semester of Third Year

**Forms: Report on Written and Oral  
Comprehensive Examination; Application  
for Admission Into Candidacy; Annual  
Committee Advisement Form**

## Fourth Year

### PhD

Hold Fourth Committee Meeting by End of  
Fourth Year

**Form: Annual Committee  
Advisement Form**

## Fifth Year

### PhD

Target Dissertation Defense Date  
by End of Fifth Year

**Forms: Approval Form for  
Doctoral Dissertation and  
Final Oral Examination;  
Electronic Thesis and  
Dissertation Submission  
Approval Form**

### PhD

Submit Dissertation Title  
and Date, Time, and  
Location of Defense Three  
Weeks Before Dissertation  
Defense is to be Held