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 Oralgy 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*
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

Third Year

Fourth Year

PhD
Hold Fourth Committee Meeting by End of Fourth Year
Form: Annual Committee Advisement Form

Fifth Year

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

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