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 and Complete Written Comprehensive Exam Prior to Thesis Defense

*Forms: Annual Committee Advisement Form; Report on Written Comprehensive Examination*

**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 Oral Examination; Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Submission Approval Form*
Third Year

PhD
If Not Already Completed, Request A Final Program of Study from the Graduate Coordinator's Assistant 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
Complete Written Comprehensive Exam and Hold Oral Comprehensive Exam by End of Fall Semester of Third Year
Forms: Report on Written Comprehensive Examination; 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
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