

## BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, Graduate Program Timeline – Ph.D.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student and Supervisor establish supervisory committee (preferably <b>in the first 4 months</b>)</li> <li>Fulfill course requirements</li> <li>Fulfill ethics training (INT D 710 &amp; INT D 720)</li> <li>Complete individual development plan (part of professional development)</li> <li>Fulfill professional development requirements</li> <li>Supervisory Committee Meeting (preferably within the first 8 months)</li> <li>Complete course requirements</li> </ul>	<p><i>Preparation for Candidacy Exam:</i></p> <p><b>At least 4 weeks prior to exam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervisor sets up the candidacy exam by notifying the Associate Dean (Graduate Administrator) of the examination committee membership (supervisor, supervisory committee and one University examiner or one Specialized Knowledge examiner) and the date of the exam.</li> </ul> <p><b>At least 1 week prior to exam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student's candidacy report sent to the examination committee</li> </ul> <p><b>Candidacy Exam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If possible, it should be taken at the end of year 2</li> </ul> <p><b>Supervisory Committee Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the candidacy exam can count as one committee meeting if project is discussed</li> </ul>	<p>Candidacy Exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if not completed at the end of year 2 (must be completed before the end of year 3 to maintain GTA/GRA support).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Supervisory Committee Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>defense date should be discussed and a tentative date set.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">FGPS's thesis preparation, requirements and deadlines</a></p> <p>Write Thesis</p> <p><b>At least 9 weeks prior to exam date</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervisor sets up the external examiner with Associate Dean (Graduate Administrator)</li> </ul> <p><b>At least 5 weeks prior to exam date</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission of thesis to supervisory committee. Preliminary reading of thesis and signature forms signed and submitted to Graduate Administrator.</li> </ul> <p><b>At least 5 weeks prior to exam date</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervisor sets up exam with office</li> </ul> <p><b>At least 4 weeks prior to exam date</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervisor distributes the thesis to the examining committee, external examiner and chair</li> </ul> <p>- Select Creative Commons License (see Copyright Office)</p> <p>- Thesis defense</p> <p>- Submit thesis completion form (TAPC)</p> <p>- Thesis revisions and submit to thesis deposit</p> <p><b>5 years - end of guaranteed funding</b></p>