

Timeline

The following table represents a composite of the graduate program requirements (see [the graduate program rules](#) for details) and the progress expected to be made by all students in this program.

Graduate students entering before Fall 2014		
Academic Year in Program	Time	Activity
First	Start of Fall Semester	Orientation; proficiency examinations in organic chemistry and biochemistry; registration; poster sessions; specify research rotations
	Fall Semester	Participate in research rotations
	End of Fall Semester	Select major professor; establish proficiency in organic chemistry; establish oral English proficiency (ESL students)
	Spring Semester	Begin research work; Take courses in major area; Begin written assessment examinations
	End of Spring Semester	Proficiency in Biochemistry and Physical Chemistry established; Select graduate committee; File Plan of Study;
	Second	Fall Semester
<i>Research continues in this and all subsequent years; attendance at seminars is required each semester; hold annual committee meetings by May of each year</i>	Spring Semester	Begin preparation for original proposal defense
	End of Spring Semester	Deadline for presentation of first seminar; Deadline for first graduate committee meeting; Completion of coursework
	June	Deadline for completion of written assessment requirement
Third	End of Fall Semester	Deadline for initial defense of original proposal
Fourth and Subsequent	Any Semester	Complete thesis research & dissertation; present final seminar &

oral final examination

Graduate students entering Fall 2014 and after

Academic Year in Program	Time	Activity
First	Orientation Week	Attend orientation meetings and workshops; Take proficiency examinations; Attend poster session; Register for courses
	First Week of Fall Semester	Specify research rotations
	Weeks 2-13 of Fall Semester	Carry out research rotations
	End of Fall Semester	Select major professor; establish proficiency in organic chemistry; establish oral English proficiency (ESL students)
	All Semesters, All Years	Attendance at MCMP seminars required
	Spring Semester	Begin research work; Take courses in major area; Begin written assessment examinations
	End of Spring Semester	Proficiency in Biochemistry and Physical Chemistry established; Select graduate committee; File Plan of Study;
Second	Fall Semester	Begin preparation for original proposal defense; Take Grant Writing course
<i>Research continues in this and all subsequent years; attendance at seminars is required each semester;</i>	Fall Semester	Take courses in major area; Continue written assessment examinations as necessary
	End of Fall Semester	Deadline for completion of written assessment requirement (referred to as CUMES); Deadline for first graduate committee meeting
	Spring Semester	Deadline for initial defense of original proposal
Third	End of Fall Semester	Deadline for presentation of first seminar
Fourth and Subsequent	Any Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must present second seminar in final year. • Must hold annual graduate committee meetings (more often if required by Committee).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must serve as a Teaching Assistant involving meaningful student contact for at least one semester. (May be completed at any time.)• Must have program reviewed semiannually by entire faculty if student is in sixth or seventh year.• Must complete dissertation and defend by oral final examination.
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