

The First Two Years: Direct Entry PhD Students and PhD Students with Prior MSc

Month	Research	Coursework		Sept Start	Jan Start
1	<i>In some cases, PhD Students with Prior MSc may request exemption from rotations</i>	Rotation 1	Begin Seminar Course: Level 1 BCH2020Y (Direct Entry PhD) or Level 2 BCH2022Y (Students w/ Prior MSc)	Scientific Skills for Biochemists BCH 101H 0.25 FCE credit	SEP
2		Rotation 2		<i>this course is held in autumn for both Sept and Jan Starts</i>	OCT
3		Rotation 3		Complete additional 0.25 FCE credits prior to Qualifying Exam <i>Students may wish to take additional courses over this time to meet requirements of the latter half of their PhD program</i>	NOV
4	Supervisor Selection			DEC	MAR
5	Deadline for Approval of Supervisory Committee			JAN	APR
6	Committee Meeting 1			FEB	JUN
7	Committee Meeting 2			MAR	JUL
8	Committee Meeting 3			APR	AUG
9	<i>PhD students will continue to meet with their committee every 12 months until program complete</i>		First Seminar in April for both Sept and Jan Starts	MAY	SEP
10	Complete Qualifying Document and Exam			JUN	OCT
11	<i>Students have 4 weeks after Requesting a Qualifying Exam until the Exam date. The Exam must be complete prior to the end of Month 24 of their program</i>			JUL	NOV
12				AUG	DEC
13				SEP	JAN
14				OCT	FEB
15				NOV	MAR
16				DEC	APR
17				JAN	MAY
18				FEB	JUN
19				MAR	JUL
20				APR	AUG
21				MAY	SEP
22				JUN	OCT
23				JUL	NOV
24				AUG	DEC

Please Note: This timeline represents an overview of the program. Students should make sure they are aware of all formal procedures and policies related to scheduling committee meetings, coursework, and exams.

Year 3 Onwards: Post MSc Transfer and Direct Entry PhD students

Year	Research	Coursework	Sept-Start	Jan Start
3	<p style="text-align: center;">Continue with Experimental and Research Work</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maintain Regular contact with Committee, meeting at least once every 12 months</p>	<p>Begin Seminar Course Level 2 BCH2022Y</p>	SEP-AUG	JAN-DEC
4		<p style="text-align: center;">PhD Candidates present 2 seminars in the Level 2 Seminar Course.</p>	SEP-AUG	JAN-DEC
5		<p style="text-align: center;">Seminars must be complete prior to scheduling PhD Examination</p>	SEP	JAN
5		<p style="text-align: center;">Final Committee Meeting Obtain Permission to Write</p>	OCT	FEB
5		<p style="text-align: center;">Writing Thesis and Oral Defense:</p>	NOV	MAR
5		<p style="text-align: center;">A student will have maximum of six months between receiving Permission to Write and the date of the PhD Oral Examination. This includes three months to write the thesis, one month to revise and obtain approval from the supervisor and committee members via Thesis Approval and Exam Request Forms, and two months for the exam to be scheduled and completed.</p>	DEC	APR
5		<p style="text-align: center;">1.0 FCE credit granted at end of PhD Program</p>	JAN	MAY
5		<p style="text-align: center;">Final Corrections as required and Final Submission of Thesis</p>	FEB	JUN
5			MAR	JUL
5			APR	AUG
5		MAY	SEP	
5		JUN	OCT	
5		JUL	NOV	
5		AUG	DEC	

Please Note: This timeline represents an overview of the program. Individual Students' Timelines will vary depending on experimental, research, and revision requirements. PhD students in these streams have a maximum of 7 years to complete their program, after which they must apply to be considered for a formal extension. Students should make sure they are aware of all formal procedures and policies related to scheduling committee meetings, coursework, and exams.