

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				MAR	JUL
8				APR	AUG
9	Committee Meeting 2			MAY	SEP
10				JUN	OCT
11				JUL	NOV
12	Committee Meeting 3			AUG	DEC
13				SEP	JAN
14				OCT	FEB
15	Complete Qualifying Document and Exam <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>			NOV	MAR
16				DEC	APR
17				JAN	MAY
18	First Seminar in April for both Sept and Jan Starts 1.0 FCE credit granted after Qualifying Exam (BCH2020Y Direct Entry PhD) or at end of Program (BCH2022Y PhD Students w/ Prior MSc)			FEB	JUN
19				MAR	JUL
20				APR	AUG
21	Complete Qualifying Document and Exam <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>			MAY	SEP
22				JUN	OCT
23				JUL	NOV
24	Complete Qualifying Document and Exam <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>			AUG	DEC
				SEP	
				OCT	

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: PhD Candidates with Prior MSc Degree

Year	Research	Coursework	Sept-Start	Jan-Start	
3	Continue with Experimental and Research Work Maintain Regular contact with Committee, meeting at least once every 12 months	Continue Seminar Course Level 2 BCH2022Y	SEP-AUG	JAN-DEC	
4		PhD Candidates present 2 seminars in the Level 2 Seminar. In Candidates with a Prior MSc have completed one talk in their first two years.	Complete additional 0.5 FCE credits prior to end of year 3 <i>Typically this involves completion of two 0.25 FCE courses, though some courses are offered at 0.5 FCE</i>	SEP-AUG	JAN-DEC
5		Final Committee Meeting Obtain Permission to Write	Seminars must be complete prior to scheduling PhD Examination	SEP	JAN
5		Writing Thesis and Oral Defense: A student will have maximum 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.	1.0 FCE credit granted at end of PhD Program	OCT	FEB
5	Final Corrections as required and Final Submission of Thesis		NOV	MAY	
5			DEC	JUN	
5			JAN	JUL	
5			FEB	AUG	
5			MAY	SEP	
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 this stream have a maximum of 6 years to complete their program, after which they must apply for consideration 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.