



First Year **Second Year**

First Year	Month	Second Year
Lab rotations begin	Sept	Approximate window for thesis proposal seminar Data is not required, but allowable
	Oct	
Students and PIs submit their rankings for the matching process	Nov	Approximate window for thesis committee meeting. Tentative decision for May or August graduation timeline. Register for BIOT 6332- Thesis Writing (for May Graduation)
Lab placement matching occurs Join lab	Dec	
Begin research lab-work Research plan is developed and Thesis committee is selected. Begin developing written thesis proposal Seek input from thesis director and thesis committee	Jan	Approximate window for first thesis progress seminar. New data is required. Committee makes decision for May or August graduation timeline
	Feb	
Early target for having draft of thesis proposal ready for review	Mar	Set defense date (for May graduation). Deadline to apply for spring graduation is March 1.
Late target for having draft of thesis proposal ready for review	Apr	Formatted thesis due to committee 2 weeks before defense date.
Target for submitting final proposal to committee Set first committee meeting to occur about 2-3 weeks after submission date	May	All material required to OGS by May 30 to release diploma (for May Graduates). Register for BIOT 6332 Thesis Writing (for August graduation).
Approval of thesis proposal by thesis committee typically expected by end of month	Jun	Set defense date (for August Graduation). Deadline to apply for Summer graduation is July 1.
Register for BIOT 6331- Thesis Research Committee approval required by this time to meet registration deadline with Registrar's Office	July	Formatted thesis due to committee 2 weeks before defense date. All material required to OGS by August 30 to release diploma (for August graduates).
	Aug	