

Typical Timetable for Student Progress

The following is a typical timetable of student progress in the Program from matriculation to earning the Ph.D. degree. Departure from the timetable may occur, but this timetable is the norm that is expected.

I. FIRST YEAR:

(A) First Semester:

- (1) Register for required fall courses and choose elective(s) after meeting with First Year Advisory Committee.
- (2) Attend Neuroscience Research Symposium (every other year).
- (3) Attend Chalk Talks (when held).
- (3) If rotating, plan laboratory rotations and complete 1-2 of these rotations. Turn in report(s) on completed rotation(s).

(B) Second Semester:

- (1) Register for required spring courses and choose elective(s) after meeting with First Year Advisory Committee.
- (2) If rotating, complete laboratory rotations. Turn in report(s) on completed rotation(s).
- (3) Select your major professor and other members of your Advisory Committee by March 30.
- (4) Have Advisory Committee members approved by the First Year Advisory Committee.
- (5) Schedule an Advisory Committee meeting for no later than the third week of the fall semester.
- (6) Fulfill program ethics requirements.

(C) Summer:

- (1) Register for Neuroscience 990, Research and Thesis credits with your advisor

II. SECOND YEAR:

(A) First Semester:

- (1) Work toward completing Mid-Level Course Requirement and any other courses suggested by your Advisory Committee.
- (2) Meet with Advisory Committee and submit summary report and Certification Form Part I to the Program Office no later than the end of the third week of the fall semester.

(B) Second Semester:

- (1) Meet with Advisory Committee and submit summary report to the Program Office no later than the end of the third week of the semester.
- (2) Complete all course requirements.
- (3) Attend Ethics presentation.
- (4) Fulfill program ethics requirements.

(C) Summer:

- (1) Plan to complete Preliminary Examination by the end of the summer. Submit Request for Preliminary Warrant form to Graduate School.
- (2) Complete 32 UW-Madison credits. (Completion of the credits and the Preliminary Examination permits registration for 3 credits at the dissertator rate for all subsequent sessions.)
- (3) Submit Part II of the Certification Form after the Preliminary Examination is completed.

III. THIRD YEAR:

(A) First Semester:

- (1) Meet with Advisory Committee and submit summary report to the Program Office no later than the end of the third week of the semester. (This meeting can be omitted if the Preliminary Examination is completed after the spring Advisory Committee meeting and before the beginning of the fall semester.)
- (2) Present thesis research proposal in Neuroscience Seminar.
- (3) Conduct thesis research.

(B) Second Semester:

- (1) Complete teaching requirement.
- (2) Conduct thesis research.
- (3) Fulfill program ethics requirements.

(C) Summer:

- (1) Register for Neuroscience 990, Research and Thesis credits with your advisor

IV. FOURTH YEAR:

(A) First Semester:

- (1) Conduct thesis research.
- (2) Meet with Advisory Committee and submit summary report to the Program Office no later than the end of the third week of the semester.

(B) Second Semester

- (1) Conduct thesis research.
- (2) Attend Ethics presentation.
- (3) Fulfill program ethics requirements.

(C) Summer:

- (1) Register for Neuroscience 990, Research and Thesis credits with your advisor

IV. FIFTH YEAR:

(A) First Semester:

- (1) Meet with Advisory Committee to decide format and content of Dissertation and submit summary report to the Program Office no later than the end of the third week of the semester.
- (2) Submit Part III of the Certification Form.
- (3) Conduct thesis research.

(B) Second Semester:

- (1) Submit Ph.D. Final Oral Committee form to Graduate School.
- (2) Complete Dissertation and Oral Defense.
- (3) Submit one copy of thesis to Graduate School and three copies to the Neuroscience Training Program.
- (4) Fulfill program ethics requirements.

General Program Requirements

- Attend Neuroscience Research Symposium (first-year students only)
- Attend Chalk Talks (first-year students only)
- Meet with Advisory Committee (each fall and spring semester for students who are not dissertators, each fall semester for dissertators)