

BIOPHYSICS PROGRESSION TO CANDIDACY

☐ COURSE WORK: Complete all required coursework.

I. Core: 12 hours of Biophysics core courses with a B or better:

- ☐ 520 [Theory & Methods of Biophysical Chemistry] 3 credits
- ☐ 521 [Techniques in Biophysical Chemistry] 3 credits
- ☐ 550 [Lab Techniques in Biophysics] 3 credits
- ☐ 595 [Professional Development in Biophysics] 3 credits

II. 6 credits of Biophysics 890 (Intro to Research): Students are required to register for this class in the fall and winter terms of their first year.

☐ Fall ☐ Winter

☐ SEMINAR REQUIREMENT: Take and pass at least 1 credit hour of Biophysics 801

☐ COGNATE and/or ELECTIVES: Take and pass **at least 4 credit hours** of cognate or elective coursework with a B or better. **NOTE: cognates can count as electives, but not all electives are cognates!** Please see the *Graduate Handbook* or *Student Services Office* for more information.

- ☐ ___ credit(s) of _____
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☐ ETHICS REQUIREMENT: Take and pass 1 credit hour of RCRS/Ethics requirement with a B or better

- ☐ 1 credit of PIBS 503
- ☐ 1 credit of UC 415

☐ PRELIM: Take and pass your Preliminary Exam

- Form a Prelim Exam Committee, comprised of at least 4 professors, including your research advisor as Chair. Complete the Oral Prelim/Dissertation Committee Selection form and hand it in to the Student Services Office.
- Write a Research Proposal (expected length is around 10 pages) and distribute to members of your Prelim Exam Committee well in advance of the Prelim Exam (two weeks prior).
- Just prior to your prelim, pick up a Candidacy Exam Report form from the Student Services Office. Take the form to your Prelim Exam, have your committee chair complete and sign the form and return the form to the Biophysics Student Services Office.

☐ CANDIDACY: Upon receipt of the Biophysics Candidacy Exam Report form—if you have completed all of the above requirements—the Student Services office will complete your online Recommendation for Candidacy form with Rackham. Students are expected to achieve candidacy by the end of their second year.

- View the Candidacy Deadline list from the Rackham website and know your deadlines!
<http://www.rackham.umich.edu/current-students/policies/doctoral/phd-students/candidacy-deadlines>