

Microbiology and Immunology Department
Deadlines for PhD Students
Effective Fall 2009

Deadline	Action
December 15 (1 st year of study, end of 1 st Semester)	Select Research Advisor (subject to approval by Dept Chair)
April 1 st (1 st year of study, 2 nd Semester)	Short proposal due on Dissertation topic
April 16 th - @ Kimsey – 1:00PM (1 st year of study, 2 nd Semester) (at least 60 days in advance of oral exam)	Meet with Curriculum Committee for instructions regarding Qualifying Exam
May 10 (within 30 days of oral exam)	Title and specific aims of second research proposal due (Qualifying Exam Proposal) (subject to approval by Exam Committee)
May 21	Exam Committee will inform students on acceptability of their proposals.
July 5, 2 nd year	Qualifying Exam proposals must be submitted.
July 19 August 27	Qualifying Oral Exam must be completed. Students who have not passed Qualifying exams after 2 attempts must withdraw from Program. Students who have received a “Pass” will enter Ph.D. Candidacy after completing all coursework.
March 1 st , second year	Dissertation Committee must be officially established.
April 15 th (2 nd year of study)	Dissertation Research Proposal submitted to Dissertation Committee members
Annually after admission to Ph.D. Candidacy	Presentation of research seminar based on dissertation research to department; Dissertation Committee Meeting
2 Weeks Before Defense (oral exam)	Provide complete unbound copy of dissertation to Dissertation Committee members and written request to the Graduate School Dean
Deadlines Published by Graduate School http://louisville.edu/registrar/commencement-information.html	Student must deliver dissertation to Graduate School and complete degree application

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