

Microbiology and Immunology Department

MD/PhD Student Action Plan Deadlines for Entering Class of 2020

Deadline	Action
August 2020 (1st year of study, 1st semester)	Confirm Research Advisor Enrollment in two electives (recommended MBIO689 and MBIO622) in addition to mandatory courses (MBIO610, MBIO623, MBIO606 & MBIO619)
December 11, 2020 (1st year of study, 1st semester)	Meet with Curriculum Committee for instructions regarding Qualifying Exam
December 11, 2020 (1st year of study, 1st semester)	Submit title and specific aims of Dissertation Proposal. Dissertation Committee formed.
January, 2021	Enrollment in one elective (recommended MBIO621) in addition to mandatory courses (BIOC630, MBIO606 & MBIO619)
January 11, 2021 (1st year of study, 2nd semester)	Submit title and specific aims of Qualifying Exam Proposal (subject to approval by Curriculum Committee)
January 18, 2021	Students informed of acceptability of their proposals.
March 5, 2021	Qualifying Exam proposals must be submitted
March 8– April 16, 2021 (Qualifying exams must be given to Qualifying Exam Committee at least 1 week prior to Oral Exam)	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” for both written and oral will enter Ph.D. Candidacy after completing all coursework.
August 1, 2021 (2nd year of study, 1st semester)	Dissertation Proposal submitted. If planning to submit a F30/F31 for the August deadline, early July submission would allow feedback to be provided.
Annually after admission to Ph.D. Candidacy	Presentation of seminar based on dissertation research to department; Dissertation Committee Meeting 1 st seminar must be given in Spring semester of Year 2.
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/graduate/news/deadlines-for-submitting-thesis-dissertation	Student must deliver dissertation to Graduate School and complete degree application.