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| **Deadline** | **Action** |
| Rotation 1: September 27 – November 19, 2021Rotation 2: January 10 - March 4, 2022Rotation 3: March 7 - April 29, 2021 (1st and 2nd semesters of Year 1)   | Laboratory rotations (3 different rotations, 4th rotation optional)  |
| April 29 to May 13, 2022(1st year of study, end of 2nd Semester)   | Select Research Advisor (subject to approval by Department Chair)  |
| November 1, 2022 (2nd year of study, 1st semester)   | Submit title and specific aims of Dissertation Proposal.  |
| December 1, 2022(2nd year of study, 1st semester)   | Dissertation Committee formed.  |
| December 2022 (2nd year of study, 1st semester)   | Meet with Curriculum Committee for instructions regarding Qualifying Exam  |
| January 9, 2023(2nd year of study, 2nd semester)  | Submit title and specific aims of Qualifying Exam Proposal (subject to approval by Curriculum Committee)  |
| January 16, 2023 | Students informed of acceptability of their proposals.  |
| March 3, 2023  | Qualifying Exam proposals must be submitted  |
| March 6 – April 14, 2023(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.  |
| October 13, 2023 (3nd year of study)  | Dissertation research proposal submitted to Dissertation Committee for review  |
| December 1, 2023(3nd year of study)  | Final dissertation research proposal submitted to Department  |
| Annually after admission to Ph.D. Candidacy  | Presentation of seminar based on dissertation research to department; Dissertation Committee Meeting 1st seminar must be given in Fall semester of Year 3.  |
| 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: <https://louisville.edu/graduate/current-students/thesis-dissertation-information/thesis-dissertation-information>  |  Student must deliver dissertation to Graduate School and complete degree application.  |

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**Deadlines Entering Class 2021**