

Timeline for the Ph.D. CB3

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 291 - F/W/S <input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 296 - F only <input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 297 Lab rotations - F/W <input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 297 Research Lab - S <input type="checkbox"/> CB3 Core Courses <input type="checkbox"/> CB3 Elective <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> FERPS (Fall only) <input type="checkbox"/> Rotation talks - F & W <input type="checkbox"/> Poster Present - W <input type="checkbox"/> Placement of thesis lab last week, Winter Qtr <input type="checkbox"/> TA a minimum of 2 qtrs in 1st & 2nd year <input type="checkbox"/> Summer - conduct research in lab you have joined	<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 291 - F/W/S <input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 297/BIO 297 pre ATC research <input type="checkbox"/> CB3 Elective <input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 289 <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Select & Nominate orals committee - Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Select Oral topics & submit abstract for approval - Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Submit Oral proposal - Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Oral Exam - Spr <input type="checkbox"/> Nominate Dissertation Reading Committee (DRC) <input type="checkbox"/> TA a minimum of 2 qtrs in 1st & 2nd year <input type="checkbox"/> Summer research	<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 291 F/W/S <input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 297/BIO 297 pre ATC research <input type="checkbox"/> CB3E Elective <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Third Year Talk <input type="checkbox"/> Dissertation Prospectus ATC happens after a passing evaluation and all course requirements met and Third Year Talk is completed. <input type="checkbox"/> Summer research
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with DRC, review research progress, written prospectus <input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 299 F/W/S <input type="checkbox"/> Summer research	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with DRC, review research progress, written prospectus <input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 299 F/W/S <input type="checkbox"/> Write Dissertation <input type="checkbox"/> Present dissertation seminar In some cases it may be advisable for a student in good standing to apply for Filing Fee Status (FFS) instead of registering as a full time student in the final quarter.	Most students finish in five to five & 1/2 years. If a 6th year is necessary it begins with an updated: <input type="checkbox"/> Dissertation Prospectus and Progress Review Fall Qtr, even if student expects to finish in Fall. Ph.D. candidates are expected to complete research within nine quarters of advancement (ATC). Please be aware that continued financial support may no longer be available after 18 quarters in the graduate program.

* Graduate Students are expected to enroll in at least 10 units each quarter to maintain full time status. By departmental policy, the standard enrollment load is 15 units each quarter. This can be accomplished by: CHEM 291 (weekly seminar speakers series), Courses, CHEM 274-290 Group Meetings, CHEM 297 (pre ATC research), CHEM 299 Dissertation Research

FERPS = Faculty Evening Research Presentations
 ATC = Advanced to Candidacy
 DRC = Dissertation Reading Committee

This guide provides an overview of the necessary steps and requirements towards your Ph.D. Specific requirements/details and the complete set of policies and procedure/forms can be found [in the Graduate Student Handbook](#).