

Typical PhD student timeline for M&I:

(PhD students are admitted via the College of Graduate Studies Biomedical Sciences Program, and are guaranteed a stipend and full tuition support)

Year 1: Take the core curriculum, complete three 8 week lab rotations (in different labs) , choose an advisor and a program. CGS support ends at 12 months.

Year 2: Take at least 6 credits of advanced coursework. Also present one seminar in the student seminar series (Fridays at noon). In summer after the second year, take the written qualifying exam.

Year 3: Within 3 months of the qualifying exam, choose an advisory committee. Within year, write and defend thesis research proposal with public seminar presentation (defense is closed). Continue coursework.

Year 4: Complete coursework (12 advanced credits required plus Biostatistics, journal club (4 semesters), and seminar *every* semester). Full time research and present an annual seminar.

Year 5: Full time research. Continue attending journal club and seminar. Write and defend thesis. Must submit dissertation to committee 4 weeks before the oral defense.

Total time: 4-6 years

Microbiology and Immunology Masters degree timeline:

(Masters students are admitted to College of Graduate Studies Masters of Biomedical Sciences Program, and receive no stipend or tuition remission)

Year 1: Take NIH required courses in the Core Curriculum, Intro to M&I Methods (4 cr), CGS-701P Immunobiology (2 cr) plus 3 advanced credits.

Do two 6 week lab rotations. Choose an advisor, and begin lab work. Present a seminar in the student seminar series.

Summer between year 1 and 2: Write thesis proposal. Choose and advisory committee.

Year 2: In the fall, present research proposal in a public seminar before October 31, and defend it before the advisory committee (closed). Complete experiments. In the spring, write and defend thesis one month prior to last day of class of spring semester.

Total time: 20-24 months.