

Botany PhD Timeline - Quick guide

DISCLAIMER: This Quick Guide is a basic overview of a typical Botany PhD timeline. The guide is meant to complement, not replace, the Botany Graduate Regulations, which describe the following events in greater detail. Graduate students should carefully review the Botany Graduate Regulations, the UBC Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies website, and follow up with the Graduate Program Coordinator when questions arise.

Initial Meeting

- See Graduate Regulation #3
- Meet supervisory committee and discuss research plan
- Consult with supervisory committee about recommended coursework

Recommended completion

Within 6 months

Coursework

- See Graduate Regulation #5
- Coursework varies; need to satisfy breadth requirements
- BOTA501 is required

PhD Candidacy Exam

- See Graduate Regulation #7
- Select 2 external and 2 supervisory examiners
- Contact Graduate Advisor about chairing exam
- Submit Proposed Examiner Form to Alice
- Submit PhD Thesis Proposal to supervisory committee for approval
- PhD Thesis Proposal approval forms submitted to Alice
- Revised and approved PhD Thesis Proposal submitted to all examiners
- Exam! Graduate Advisor submits paperwork to Alice

Within 18-24 months

Before scheduling the exam

At least 4 weeks before exam

2-4 weeks before exam

At least 2 weeks before exam

Annual progress meetings

- See Graduate Regulation #9

At least once every 12 months

Schedule Exit Seminar (BOTA502) during final year

Schedule this at least 6 months in advance

Defence of PhD Thesis

- See Graduate Regulation #10b
- Consult G+PS website for schedule and regulations
- Select 1 external, 2 university, and 2-3 supervisory examiners
- Submit External Examiner form to Alice
- Submit PhD Thesis to supervisory committee for approval
- Submit PhD Defence Approval forms to Alice
- Submit thesis to G+PS for external examination
- Schedule PhD Defence
- Circulate thesis to all examiners, including university and supervisory
- Defend PhD Thesis

Generally within 4-5 years

At least 4 months before Defence

At least 2 months before Defence

At least 2 months before Defence

At least 1 month before Defence

At least 1 month before Defence

- Revise PhD Thesis according to examiner recommendations
- Submit revised PhD Thesis to supervisory committee for approval, if required
- Submit Final PhD Thesis to Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Generally within 1 month after Defence

Congratulations on completing your PhD Program!