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 Studies website, and follow up with the Graduate Secretary 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 2-3 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

Recommended completion
Within 18-24 months

Annual progress meetings
See Graduate Regulation #9

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

Recommended completion
Generally within 4-6 years

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!