

Typical Neurobiology training program

Year 1 (BBSP)

Courses:

Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology (NBIO 722 & 723)
Elective?
First-year focus group
Three research rotations

Deadlines:

Select a dissertation advisor

Year 2

Courses:

Developmental Neurobiology (NBIO 724 or equivalent)
OR
Behavior and its Biological Basis (PSYC 701 or 702 or equivalent)

Elective(s)
Communicating Science (presentation skills) (NBIO 850)

Deadlines:

Form a preliminary committee in January.
Meet with preliminary committee in February.
Take qualifying exam in July.

Year 3

Courses:

Electives (if necessary)

Deadlines:

Form a full dissertation committee one month after passing the written qualifying exam.
Submit dissertation proposal in December-January.
Defend proposal (oral exam) 2-4 weeks after submitting the proposal.

Years 4-5

Meet with your committee at least once per year, maybe twice per year.
Write and publish at least one first-author journal article.
Write and defend dissertation. Get a great post-doctoral position.

Deadlines:

Meet with dissertation committee as requested by your committee.
Satisfy the requirements of the Graduate School for the completion of the dissertation.