Master's Degree Program in Biotechnology – Anticipated Timeline First Year Second Year

First Year		Second Year
Lab rotations begin —	- Sept	Approximate window for thesis proposal — seminar
	Oct	(Data is not required, but allowable)
Students and PIs submit their rankings for the	Nov	Approximate window for thesis committee meeting. Tentative decision for May or —August gradutation timeline
Lab placement matching occurs Join lab	- Dec	*Register <i>for BIOT 6332- Thesis Writing</i> (for May graduation)
Begin research lab-work Research plan is developed and thesis committee is selected	- Jan	Approximate window for first thesis progress seminar (New data is required)
Begin developing written thesis proposal Seek input from thesis director and thesis committee	Feb	Committee makes final decision for May or Aug graduation timeline.
Early target for having draft of thesis proposal ready for review	Mar	Set defense date (for May graduation). Deadline to apply for spring graduation is March 1. February 24 last day to submit thesis to thesis advisor
Late target for having draft of thesis proposal ready for review	Apr	March 10 last day to submit thesis to committee March 24 last day to schedule thesis defense April 30 last day to submit completed thesis for Spring graduation
Target for submitting final proposal to committee Set first committee meeting to occur about 2-3 weeks after submission date	May	All material required to OGS by May 30 to release diploma (for May graduates). *Register for BIOT 6332- Thesis Writing (for Aug graduation)
Approval of thesis proposal by thesis committee June 30 —	- Jun	Set defense date (for Aug graduation). June 5 last day to submit thesis to thesis adviso June 15 deadline to apply for summer graduation June 19 last day to sumbit thesis to committee
*Register for	- July	July 3 last day to schedule thesis defense for summer graduation July 17 last day to submit completed thesis for summer graduation
	Aug	All Material required to OGS by Aug 30 to release diploma (for Aug graduates).

^{*}Committee approval required by this time to meet registration deadline with Registrar's office.