

Year One

- **Consult with faculty - select an advisor**
 - Submit "Track and Advisor Declaration form" to the BIOE program assistant
- **Begin research - Select a thesis project**
 - Start reading relevant literature and developing approaches to your thesis research
- **Complete 2-3 classes per semester**
- **Start forming your thesis committee**
- **Complete and submit your Plan of Study for committee approval**
- **Secure funding for upcoming semesters by mid-spring**
- **Utilize the summer break to conduct research and develop your project**



Year Two

- **Complete 2-3 more classes per semester - you should be completing all coursework**
- **Update your Plan of Study as needed**
- **Continue your thesis research**
 - Your work should be becoming more "self-contained." Overcome the complexities and modify your project accordingly .
 - Contact your committee members to discuss your progress and/or problems to see if they have any advice
- **Get actively involved in your field by attending conferences and society meetings**
 - Present your research and make a name for yourself
 - Network with those around you and start making steps towards your career goals
 - Actively seek out employment opportunities
- **Publish your research in applicable journals**
 - Don't wait until your project is completed, publish as your findings become conclusive - file for patents where applicable
 - Publications make you more marketable and offer leverage over other job applicants
- **Finalize your thesis**
 - Submit it for your committee to review and schedule your oral defense
 - Leave yourself enough time to make revisions prior to the semester deadlines
 - Apply for graduation to the applicable semester prior to university deadlines - consult BIOE website for a complete list of steps toward graduation