

# PhD in Bioinformatics Data Science

## Academic Advisement Checklist

<https://bioinformatics.udel.edu/education/>

Schedule academic advisement meeting with CBCB Assistant Director and/or Director

Email updated **Program of Study (POS)** before advisement meeting

- 6 credits considered full-time on RA
- International students may *only* take 3 credits of online courses per semester
- BINF865 Seminar credits (3 credits; 6 semesters; 3 presentations for 1 credit each)
- BINF898 Research credits or BINF964 Pre-Candidacy Research (6 credits)
- BINF969 Dissertation credits (9 credits)

PhD degree guidelines and degree completion forms found on CBCB website

### CHECKLIST PHD DEGREE TIMELINE

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#### First Year

- New BINF Student Orientation (NSO); photo for CBCB website
  - Academic advisement meeting; prepare POS
  - Course work; *complete Bioinformatics core courses*
  - Seminar - 0 credit
  - Sign Up for Bioinformatics Student Association (BiSA)
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#### Second Year

- Academic advisement meeting; prepare POS
  - Course work; *complete Bioinformatics core courses*
  - Research credits (BINF868 - 6 credits; until completion of Preliminary Exam)
  - Preliminary Exam (once completed core course requirements)
  - Seminar – 0 credit
  - Form Dissertation Committee
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#### Third Year

- Research credits (BINF868 until successful completion of preliminary exam) *or*
  - Pre-Candidacy Research (BINF964 take during semester of Candidacy Exam)
  - Candidacy Exam (written and oral; upon completion of Preliminary Exam)
  - Seminar – 1 credit (take during semester of Candidacy Exam; present at BINF Seminar)
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#### Fourth Year

- Doctoral Dissertation Credits (BINF969 - 9 credits)
  - Seminar – 1 credit (present at BINF Seminar)
  - Meet with Dissertation Committee to prepare for final defense
  - Sustaining once fulfilled course, research, and dissertation credits
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#### Graduation

- Seminar – 1 credit (present at BINF Seminar)
  - Graduation Checklist
  - Graduation Step-by-Step Guide
  - Advanced Degree Application
  - Dissertation announcement
  - Final defense and dissertation submission
  - Exit interview with Director
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