

FAQs

1. When do I need to register?

For registration deadline dates, please go to the UCR Academic Calendar located at <http://registrar.ucr.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/index.html>

2. What do I need for my Guidance Committee meetings?

You will meet with your Guidance Committee for the first time during fall quarter of your first year. At this meeting, you will establish your Course Program and choose your major and minor areas of specialization.

For your first meeting, you will need to complete a set of course program forms, located in the Plant Biology Graduate Student Handbook. The Handbook is located on the current student page of the Plant Biology website. Read the instructions carefully. You must complete some parts of the form prior to the meeting. The Chair of the Guidance Committee must complete some parts of the form prior to or during the meeting. Both you and your committee will discuss your course program and revise these forms as needed. The Committee-approved forms should be submitted to Deidra for EAC approval.

You and your Guidance Committee will also meet annually during the Spring Quarter to discuss and complete your Annual Progress Report, which is located in the Plant Biology Graduate Student Handbook.

3. What do I need to do for my Ph.D. written and oral exams?

After consulting with your major professor, you will make a request for appointment of faculty to your Qualifying Exam Committee. The Qualifying Exam nomination form is located in the Plant Biology Graduate Student Handbook. Follow the instructions carefully. The Handbook is located on the current student page of the Plant Biology website. Please submit this form to Jammy for EAC and Graduate Division approval.

4. How do I nominate my Thesis/Dissertation Committee?

Please fill out Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Form located in the Plant Biology Graduate Student Handbook. The Handbook is located on the current student page of the Plant Biology website. The completed form with faculty signatures should be submitted to Deidra.

5. How do I schedule my Dissertation/Thesis defense?

If you plan to defend during the academic year, it is suggested you arrange a time in the BPSC 250 seminar series. Please let the BPSC 250 instructor know your intention to defend (well in advance), and it will be put on the schedule. Mariella Valdivia will advertise your defense. Also, you will need to let Jammy know the date ahead of time, so she can give your committee chair your file and a form 5.

6. How do I reserve a room for my qualifying exams and defense?

Go to the UCR Facilities Reservation System at <https://frs.thec3tech.com/ucr/index.do> to reserve rooms. Smaller conference rooms in Batchelor Hall are generally used for qualifying exams, and the Genomics Auditorium is generally used for defenses.

7. When and how do I submit my thesis/dissertation?

Information and deadlines for thesis/dissertation submission is located here:
<http://graduate.ucr.edu/dissertation.html>