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Year 1

Graduate student matriculation
Year 1: Fall Semester

1. Morgan New Student Orientation
   August 2nd week
2. SCMNS Graduate Student Workshop
   August 3rd week

3 Core Courses + Seminar
Year 1: Fall Semester

Research Rotations (0-2)
Year 1: Fall Semester

Choose Advisor

GPA > 3.0?

No

Yes

Graduate Committee Review

Dismiss

MS Program

Offer TAship to selected candidates
2 sections Chem / Bio 101 / 110 Labs
Year 1: Fall / Spring Semesters and Summer Fellowship

2 Core Courses + Seminar
Year 1: Spring Semester

GPA > 3.0?

No

Yes

Graduate Committee Review

Dismiss

MS Program

Research Rotations (1-2)
Year 1: Spring Semester

Choose Advisor

Start Initial Research

Written comprehensive qualifying examination
(5 core courses)

PASS?

No

Yes

Graduate Committee Review

Dismiss

MS Program

Conditional Pass
Retake <1 month

Become a Ph.D. Candidate
Select

Summer Fellowship
Selected Students
**Year 2**

- **GPA > 3.0?**
  - Yes: Organize Dissertation Committee and Get Approvals Year 2: Fall Semester
  - No: Graduate Committee Review
    - Dismiss
    - MS Program

- **4 Elective Courses + Seminar** Year 2: Fall/Spring Semester
  - Start Initial Ph.D. Dissertation Research

- **Literature Search and Develop Research Proposal with Dissertation Committee** Year 2: Fall/Spring/Summer

**Year 3**

- **Research Proposal / Oral Examination** Year 3: Fall Semester
  - PASS?
    - Yes: Conduct scholarly research; Attend professional meetings; Publish in peer-reviewed journals; Meet with dissertation committee Year 3-4-5
    - No: Graduate Committee Review
      - Dismiss
      - MS Degree
  - Conditional Pass Retake <1 month

**Year 4-5**

- **Dissertation Committee Meetings**
  - No: Approve?
    - Yes: Write or revise dissertation
  - Yes: Approve?
    - No: Dissertation Committee Meetings
      - Dismiss
      - Write or revise dissertation
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Make Appropriate Revisions

Submit / resubmit dissertation to Director of Graduate Studies

Document acceptable to Program Coordinator, DGS, SCMNS Dean's office?

Yes

Schedule dissertation seminar and defense date

Dissertation committee suggests corrective actions

Conduct public seminar followed by closed-door oral defense

Pass?

No

Complete graduation checklist, Obtain SCMNS signatures, Hand-deliver document to SGS for additional paperwork

Yes

GRADUATION!!

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