Typical Timeline for PhD Program in Bioinformatics Data Science

Note: This timeline is a suggested guideline and all milestones are approximate based upon a 33-42 credit degree program. Please consult [https://bioinformatics.udel.edu/education/](https://bioinformatics.udel.edu/education/) for specific degree requirements.

- **Meet with Academic Advisor**
- **Attend New Student Orientation**
- **Year 1: Research Coursework**
  - **BINF core courses**
  - **Meet with Academic Advisor**
- **Year 2: Research**
  - **Preliminary Exam**
  - **BINF Seminar Presentation x 3**
  - **Meet with Dissertation Committee**
- **Year 3: Research**
  - **Candidacy Exam**
  - **Form Dissertation Committee**
- **Year 4: Research**
  - **Meet w/Dissertation Committee**
  - **Apply to Graduate**
- **Year 5: Defense**
  - **Dissertation Defense**
  - **Exit Interview with Director**
  - **Dissertation Committee Revisions**