

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIOPHYS 99D, SENIOR RESEARCH

- (1) A committee of two faculty will supervise the work.
- (2) A written thesis proposal must be prepared at the beginning of the first semester, and be approved by the committee and the advising coordinator, prior to registration for the course.
- (3) A mid-year evaluation will be done at the end of the first semester, and a report submitted to the advising coordinator. Students judged to have made insufficient progress will not be permitted to continue in the second semester.
- (4) A thesis in a department-approved format must be submitted to the committee by the last day of classes in the second semester. At a minimum, the thesis must have a title page, a signature page, an abstract, description of the work performed and the conclusions reached, and references.
- (5) The student must defend his/her thesis in a public oral examination of 30 minutes duration by the end of the final examination period in the second semester. The student also must present a 10 minute summary of his/her research at the Berko Symposium.
- (6) Written evaluations of the thesis and the defense must be submitted by the committee to the advising coordinator by the Friday preceding the department degree meeting.
- (7) The level of distinction will be determined from evaluation of both the thesis and the student's academic record.
- (8) Students wishing to graduate in seven semesters must start their thesis research in the spring semester of their junior year, and follow the same rules moved forward one semester.
- (9) The required forms for items (2), (3), and (6) are available from the Physics Department website, as is a sample thesis document.