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.