

This document describes the individual steps that are required of all Behavioral Neuroscience graduate students in order to meet the **research requirements** for the Master's of Science degree:

1. Research proposal - First-year spring semester:

All BNS students will propose their Master's of Science Degree project to at least three BNS Faculty committee members [mentor and 2 other BNS faculty. An outside member can be added, but is not required]. This proposal will involve a powerpoint presentation that must be provided to the committee members at least 2 working days before the meeting. The timing of this meeting will occur outside of BNS lunch; the student should take the lead on scheduling the meeting. The area head can assist in the case of scheduling difficulties.

2. Completion/defense of the project – No later than end of spring semester of their second year. All second year BNS students must write-up and present their data, regardless of stage of completeness. After review of the document and presentation the committee will determine whether remediation, including more data collection, is required.

This is a two-part process, including both steps A and B (below)

A) Formal written document (handed to committee 1 week prior to defense). This document could be either:

i.) ***First author publication***: a submitted or to-be submitted manuscript.

***or***

ii) ***Research prospectus***: This document will include an introduction, methods, results to date, as well as a discussion section.

B) Public oral defense. This is to be completed during an agreed upon BNS lunch meeting (required). It should be open to the public and include, at a minimum, the master's degree committee described in point #1, above.

3. Please refer to the course work check sheet for course requirements.

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