

2018 BioE Preliminary Exam Pertinent Dates

General Timeline and Progression:

General Meeting: All students are required to attend a general meeting given by the Exam Coordinator to go over exam format and answer questions. General Meeting to be held on Thursday, October 19th.

Track-Specific Meeting: All students are required to attend a track-specific exam meeting given by the Track Coordinator to discuss aspects of the Preliminary Exam particular to their track. The student's advisor (or a representative) is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. Track-Specific meetings to be held between Monday, October 23rd and Friday, November 3rd.

Abstract Approval: Due Date: Friday, April 6th by 5:00pm

The abstract is used by the track coordinator to assess the appropriateness of the proposed topic for the Bioengineering PhD Preliminary Exam. Approval of the topic does **not** ensure (or assume) that the student will successfully pass the Preliminary Exam. Students may be required to attend an individual meeting with their Track Coordinator before approval of the abstract will be granted. The pre-approval process will be conducted on a rolling basis. **Students are strongly encouraged to submit the abstract well in advance of the due date.**

Written Component: Due Date: Friday, May 18th by 5:00pm

The written component is used to assess the ability of the student to appropriately address the chosen topic. The quality of this document is used to determine a student's written abilities as well as ascertain how well the student might address the topic in an oral setting. The candidate should keep in mind that the oral component will not override substantial deficiencies in the written component.

Oral Component: To take place between Monday, June 4th and Friday, June 8th.

The candidate will be scheduled for an oral presentation to complete his/her Preliminary Exam. The date, time, and location of the oral exam will be set by the Track Coordinator. These meetings will be scheduled to take place between Monday, June 4th and Friday, June 8th. (Note: the following week should also be reserved by the students in case of scheduling issues.)