



New Grad Student Orientation

WIU Department of Biological
Sciences
Fall, 2010

Communication

- WIU Email Address
- Mailbox
 - Waggoner 372 (main office)
- Hallway signs

On Campus

- Office
 - If you want one, talk to Dave Aanenson
- Keys
 - Talk to Pearl Magelitz

Seminars

- Expected to attend all seminars
 - Announcements in mailbox and hall
 - Seminar pass in mailbox
 - This is NOT BIOL 570

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**NOTE: Updated often so
KEEP CHECKING!**

Degree Plan

- All classes summarized in your “degree plan”
 - Signed by me and your committee
 - Like a contract stipulating what you must take to get your Masters
- Turned in **AFTER** 9 hours and **BEFORE** 15
- Turn in Thesis/Adv. Bio. Proj. proposal at same time

Deficiencies

- Undergrad deficiencies taken Pass/Fail (graded as S/U)
 - Take ASAP because might be prerequisite for a class you want

Grades

- Must maintain a 3.0 GPA
- 3 or more “C’s” and you will be kicked out!

Incompletes

- AFTER 1 YEAR an “I” WILL AUTOMATICALLY REVERT TO “F”
 - Must file an extension

STARS

- Can check just about anything on STARS
- Use this to register
- Access from WIU home page

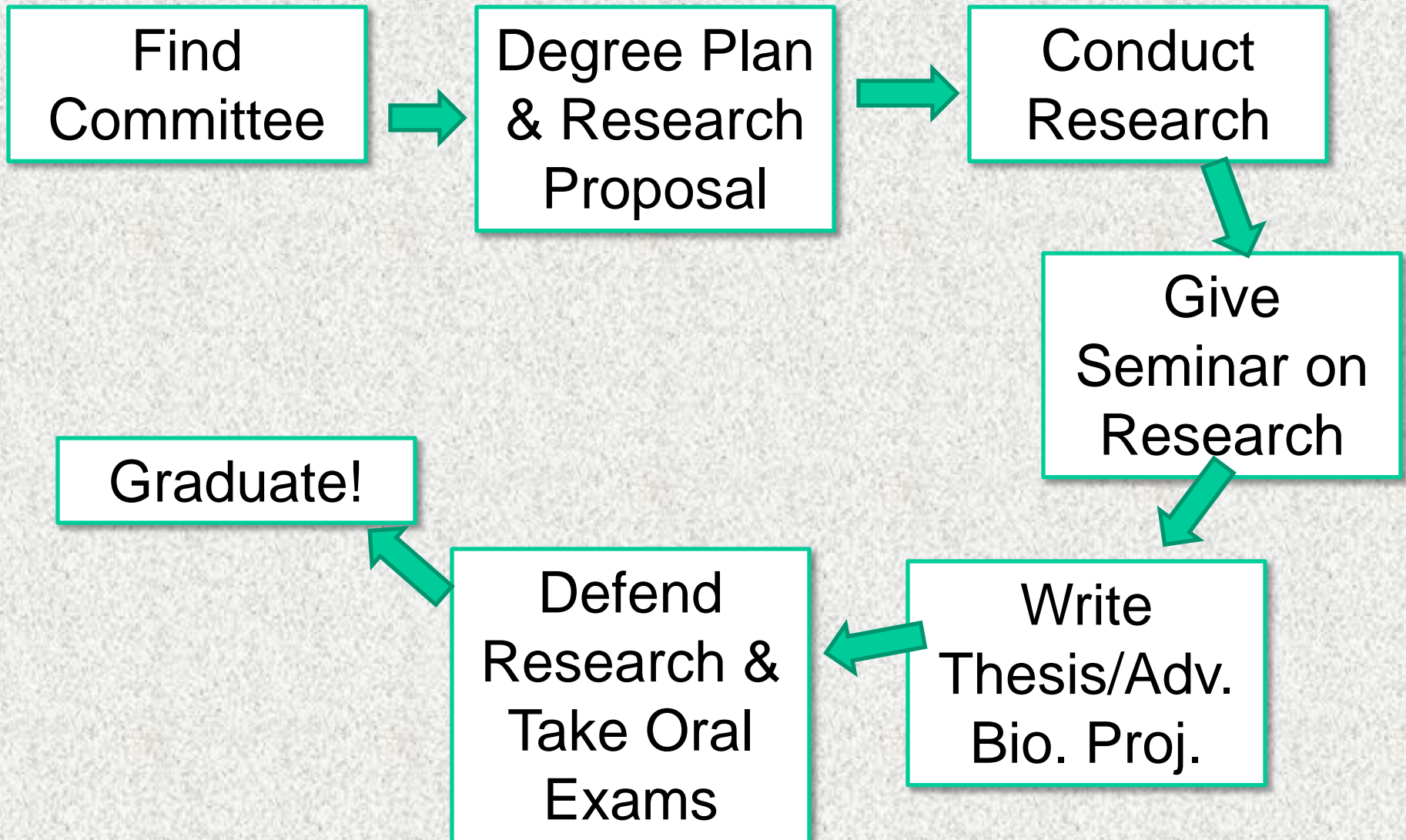
Parking

- Don't even try to park where you aren't supposed to!

Assistantships

- Department has a few assistantships
 - Teaching
 - Advising
- Any openings will be announced via email & mailbox.
- Other places on campus also have assistantships (DSS, etc.)

General Flow Chart



Thesis Binding

- Electronic submission
 - Will cost about \$250 so start saving now
- Non thesis students do **NOT** need to bind their project

Best Places to Eat in Town

- Lin's Garden
- Vitale's
- International Sub Shop
- New Mexican place by K-Mart