

PHD TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Notes:

1. **Full time** doctoral degree candidates are expected to complete all **course** requirements by the end of their first year of study. The exception to this rule would be those who are required to take additional MA courses as background preparation.
2. **Part-time** degree candidates are expected to take one, or may occasionally take two, courses per term. All course requirements should be completed by the end of their second year of study.

Term	Courses (FT students)	Courses (PT students)
	Typical schedule	Typical schedule
Term 1 Fall Yr 1	7000 3.0 Perspectives 1 or 2 Electives	7000 3.0 Perspectives
Term 2 Winter Yr 1	7200 3.0 Advanced Research Methods Workshop 1 or 2 electives	7200 3.0 Advanced Research Methods Workshop
Term 3 Summer Yr 1	7005 3.0 PhD Field Seminar: Disciplinary Practices Final opportunity to take an elective if necessary	Elective
Term 4 Fall Yr 2	Preparation and writing PhD Qualifying Exams (Comps)	Elective
Term 5 Winter Yr 2	Dissertation proposal preparation and submission	Elective
Term 6 Summer Yr 2	Research and writing	7005 3.0 PhD Field Seminar: Disciplinary Practices
Term 7 Fall Yr 3	Research and writing	Preparation and writing PhD Qualifying Exams (Comps)
Term 8 Winter Yr 3	Research and writing	Dissertation proposal preparation and submission
Term 9-12 Year 4	Research and writing Defense	Research and writing continues until completion. See note below.
Term 13-18 Years 5 & 6	The expectation is that full-time candidates will complete the degree by the end of their fourth year of study, but at the latest sometime into their fifth year of study. The expectation is that part-time candidates will complete the degree by the end of their fifth term of study. The maximum time allowable for both FT and PT candidates is 18 terms.	

Please note the following deadlines for Convocation. All degree requirements including defense and electronic submission of a final revised and approved copy to Graduate Studies by:

Mid April for June Convocation

Mid August for October Convocation