

| Milestone | Suggested Timeline | Hard Deadlines * | Important Meetings or Details | Is a Formal Full Committee Meeting Required? | Required Forms/Signatures |
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| Coursework | Years 1 and 2 | | <i>Work closely with advisors to meet requirements.</i> | | |
| First-Year Review (Qualifying Exam) | Year 1 (Draft in 610) | Revise and submit by March of Year 1 | <i>You will be notified of pass, fail, or pass-with-revisions status in writing by April 15.</i> | | |
| Choose an Advisor | Spring of Year 1 or Fall of Year 2 | | <i>Before finalizing an advisor, meet individually with several faculty to discuss goals and interests</i> | | GS & Dept. |
| Begin reading and drafting questions for comprehensive exams | Summer after Year 2 | | <i>Before second summer, meet with your advisor to draft a work and reading plan.</i> | | |
| Finalize committee membership | Summer after Year 2 / Fall of Year 3 | | <i>Meet with your advisor to have your revised Qs approved and send them to your full committee. (At least two weeks before review meeting.)</i> | | GS & Dept. |
| Finalize questions for comprehensive exams | Year 3 (Supported in 600) | <i>* If you haven't passed comps, you must re-take 600 each fall until you do (effective 2018).</i> | | <u>Yes.</u> | Dept. |
| Written Exam | Year 3 | <i>Due 28 days after picking up the exam</i> | <i>You will be notified of pass or fail status two weeks after turning in your exam; re-takes cannot happen in the same semester but must happen within a year.</i> | | |
| Oral Exam | | <i>Must be scheduled for 10+ days after notification of written exam pass.</i> | | <u>Yes.</u> | College |
| Dissertation Proposal Review (20-30p) | Fall of Year 4 (Varies depending on type of research) | | <i>Meet with your advisor about implementing any changes to proposal asked for by your committee.</i> | <u>Yes.</u> | Dept. |
| Three Chapter Review | Early in Year 5 (Varies depending on type of research) | | <i>If it has been 5+ years since you completed comps, you must retake them before defending.</i> | <u>Yes.</u> | Dept. |
| Dissertation Defense | Year 5 | <i>By March for Spring Degree</i> | <i>Meet with your advisor about implementing any changes to the dissertation asked for by your committee.</i> | <u>Yes.</u> | College |
| Applying for Graduation and Depositing Dissertation | | | <i>Your responsibility to look up details in advance.</i> | | College & U |