

Ph.D. Timeline

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_____ Campus arrival

_____ Complete online SARI training

_____ Student orientation

_____ Complete AEOCPT test, if required

_____ Math Camp (Optional)

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* _____ **COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS - Form A** - (Submit to Ph.D. coordinator for your department and submit completed form to the Ph.D. / M.S. Office during first semester in program. Update as requirements are met.)

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_____ Teaching Camp (before start of spring semester, if appropriate, depending on teaching schedule)

_____ Student prepares annual report and/or worksheet. Submit report to PhD Coordinator and Ph.D. / M.S. Office (as appropriate).

_____ Candidacy Committee is formed (if applicable, see department for specifics)

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_____ Student receives letter from Dean's Office Requiring Candidacy in fall.

_____ Write first-year summer or Candidacy paper

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* _____ **CANDIDACY EXAM. - Form C**- Complete by end of 3rd semester in the Ph.D. Program. Candidacy committee must all be graduate faculty members. Student must be in registered status (except for summer sessions) and the student's academic record must be in good standing.

* _____ **PROGRAM OF STUDY - Form F**- Must be filed with Ph.D./M.S. office in semester of completion of Candidacy Exam.

* _____ **ENGLISH STANDARDS REQUIREMENT - Form B**- Student may be exempted at the time of the Candidacy Exam via Form B. Competency must be deemed satisfactory by end of the third year and before oral Comprehensive exam.

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_____ Teaching Camp (before start of spring semester, if appropriate)

_____ Complete 5-hour discussion-based SARI training.

_____ Student prepares annual report and/or worksheet. Submit report to PhD Coordinator and Ph.D. / M.S. Office (as appropriate).

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_____ Write second-year summer or Comprehensive paper.

YEAR 3

_____ MINOR If the student is considering a minor, it should be added at this time (prior to the Comprehensive Exam) and the minor field must be represented on the student's Doctoral Committee.

* _____ DOCTORAL COMMITTEE **must be set up before scheduling oral or written comp. exam.** -[Form D](#)

* _____ COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION (oral or oral and written) – [Form H/K](#) *** **Three Weeks' Written Notice** *** Due at close of coursework phase of program and no more than eight years from completing Candidacy exam. Form A and Form B must be satisfied before scheduling. Student must be in registered status and the student's academic record must be in good standing.

* _____ DISSERTATION PROPOSAL COMPLETION REPORT - [Form J](#)- Different presentation than oral comp., no later than one semester after successful completion of oral component of oral comp. exam.

_____ CONTINUOUS REGISTRATION MAINTAINED FROM PASSING OF ORAL COMPS UNTIL DEFENSE OF DISSERTATION.

_____ RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT. Registration required full-time for two (15 week) semesters in a one-year period, any time after admission as a Ph.D. student.

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_____ BA 591 Applied Communications Course (spring semester)

_____ Student prepares annual report and/or worksheet. Submit report to Ph.D. Coordinator and Ph.D. / M.S. Office (as appropriate).

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_____ Student prepares annual report and/or worksheet. Submit report to Ph.D. Coordinator and Ph.D. / M.S. Office (as appropriate).

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_____ Activate INTENT TO GRADUATE on eLION. (Check with the Ph.D. / M.S. Office for the due date for the semester in which you plan to graduate).

* _____ Schedule DEFENSE OF DISSERTATION.- [Form H/K](#)- *** **Three Weeks' Written Notice** *** MUST be registered for at least 1 credit, regardless of semester.

_____ Submit your thesis for format review by the announced deadline in the semester in which you plan to graduate, followed by your final thesis.

_____ Student prepares annual report. Turns report in to PhD Coordinator.

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***Completed and signed forms must be turned in to the Ph.D. / M.S. Office.** Exam forms are sent to the Ph.D. / M.S. office once approved by the Graduate School and distributed to the committee. Once issued, copies are available in the Ph.D. / M.S. office, if needed. The expectation is for forms to be returned to the Ph.D. / M.S. office no later than 30 days after the event or evaluation has been completed. Note that the Ph.D. Director is the only recognized signatory on Graduate School forms (Form C, D, H/K).