# Ph.D. Student Timeline

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<th>Coursework (3-4 courses per semester)</th>
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<td>- Discuss course selection for Year 1 - Fall Semester</td>
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| Spring Semester | - Develop a draft Plan of Study for course work  
- Behavioral students: Complete CITI Social and Behavioral Sciences IRB training | | |
| Summer | | | |
| Year 2 | | | |
| Fall Semester | | | |
| Spring Semester | - Work on Qualifying Paper (QP) Proposal  
- March 1: Form Advisory Committee – to be listed on Plan of Study and serve as QP Committee  
- March 15: Submit QP Proposal  
- March 30: QP Proposal Feedback due to student  
- April 15: Submit Annual Evaluation Review Form  
- 4th Friday of April: Student progress assessment by Ph.D. Committee and Faculty working with Ph.D. students  
- May 1: Submit Plan of Study for course work to Graduate School | | |
| Summer | - Work on QP  
- August 1: QP Submission  
- August 15: QP Assessment and Report due to student | | |
| Year 3 | | | |
| Fall Semester | - Register for Doctoral Dissertation Research (GRAD 6950 – 6 credits)  
- September 1: GE First Submission Due  
- September 15: GE First submission Decision and Report due to student | | |
| Spring Semester | - January 8: GE Final Submission Due  
- January 17: GE Final Submission Decision due to student  
- Fourth Friday of January: General Examination Presentation  
  - Submit “Report on General Examination for Doctoral Degree”  
- Register for Doctoral Dissertation Research (GRAD 6950 – 6 credits)  
- Work on Dissertation Proposal  
- April 15: Submit Annual Evaluation Review Form  
- 4th Friday of April: Student progress assessment by Ph.D. Committee and Faculty working with Ph.D. students | | |
| Summer | | | |
| Year 4 | | | |
| Fall Semester | - Register for Doctoral Dissertation Research (GRAD 6950 – 6 credits)  
- Work on Dissertation Proposal | | |
| Spring Semester | - Register for Doctoral Dissertation Research (GRAD 6950 – 6 credits)  
- Defend and Submit “Dissertation Proposal for the Doctoral Degree”  
- April 15: Submit Annual Evaluation Review Form  
- 4th Friday of April: Student progress assessment by Ph.D. Committee and Faculty working with Ph.D. students | | |
| Summer | - June/July – Submit applications for academic positions, schedule mock interviews/presentations with faculty  
- August – Attend AMA Summer Conference for job interviews | | |
| Year 5 | | | |
| Fall Semester | - Register for Doctoral Dissertation Research (GRAD 6950 – 6 credits)  
- Work on Dissertation  
- Schedule mock interviews/presentation with faculty | | |
| Spring Semester | - Register for Doctoral Dissertation Research (GRAD 6950 – 6 credits)  
- Dissertation Defense and Submission of Dissertation forms  
- Application for Graduation  
- April 15: Submit Annual Evaluation Review Form  
- 4th Friday of April: Meeting of Ph.D. Committee and Faculty working with Ph.D. students | | |

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- Application for Graduation
- Approval
- Dissertation Defense and Submission of Dissertation forms