

PhD Academic Timeline



Pre-Candidacy: Complete Coursework and other Requirements



Advancing to Candidacy (*specific programs have different requirements, make sure to connect with your program)



Apply for Graduation & Defend Dissertation



Complete National Research Council's Survey of Earned Doctorates



Graduate Services will review all documentation and student's record to confirm all degree requirements are fulfilled. After confirmation is complete, a degree conferral letter is sent to the student 3-4 weeks after end of term.



Qualifying Exam



Continued Progress Towards Your Doctoral Degree



Upload Dissertation onto ProQuest



Submit all required documentation to Graduate Services on or before end of term.



Confirmed documentation is sent to the Registrar office for final processing and updates to your academic record.