

## Ph.D. Student Timeline

(Approved, April 4, 2025)

	Work Focus		
Pre-Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss course selection for Year 1 - Fall Semester</li> </ul>		
Year 1	Coursework (3-4 courses per semester)	TA - 10 hrs/wk	RA - 10 hrs/wk
Fall Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a draft <b>Plan of Study</b> for course work</li> <li>Complete <b>CITI Social and Behavioral Sciences IRB training (ALL students)</b></li> </ul>		
Spring Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on Qualifying Paper (QP) Proposal</li> <li>March 1: Form Advisory Committee – to be listed on Plan of Study and serve as QP Committee</li> <li>March 15: Submit QP Proposal</li> <li><b>March 30: QP Proposal Feedback due to student</b></li> <li>April 15: Submit Annual Evaluation Review Form</li> <li><b>4<sup>th</sup> Friday of April: Student progress assessment by Ph.D. Committee and Faculty working with Ph.D. students</b></li> <li>May 1: Submit <b>Plan of Study</b> for course work to Graduate School</li> </ul>		
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on QP</li> <li>August 1: QP Submission</li> <li><b>August 15: QP Assessment and Report due to student</b></li> </ul>		
Year 2	Coursework (3-4 courses per semester)	TA - 10 hrs/wk	RA - 10 hrs/wk
Fall Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin work on <a href="#">General Examination (GE)</a> Proposal</li> <li>First Friday of December: <a href="#">Second-Year Research Presentation</a> to Marketing Faculty</li> </ul>		
Spring Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on <a href="#">General Examination (GE)</a> Proposal</li> <li>April 15: Submit Annual Evaluation Review Form</li> <li><b>4<sup>th</sup> Friday of April: Student progress assessment by Ph.D. Committee and Faculty working with Ph.D. students</b></li> <li>May 1: GE Chair identified and begin to form GE Committee</li> <li>May 15: Finalize a GE Committee and Submit GE Proposal</li> <li><b>May 30: GE Proposal Feedback due to student</b></li> </ul>		
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on <b>GE</b></li> </ul>		
Year 3	Coursework as recommended	TA - 10 hrs/wk or Instructor	RA - 10 hrs/wk
Fall Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register for Doctoral Dissertation Research (GRAD 6950 – 6 credits)</li> <li>September 1: GE First Submission Due</li> <li><b>September 15: GE First submission Decision and Report due to student</b></li> </ul>		
Spring Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 3: GE Final Submission Due</li> <li><b>January 17: GE Final Submission Decision due to student</b></li> <li>Fourth Friday of January: <a href="#">General Examination</a> Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit “<a href="#">Report on General Examination for Doctoral Degree</a>”</li> </ul> </li> <li>Register for Doctoral Dissertation Research (GRAD 6950 – 6 credits)</li> <li>Work on Dissertation Proposal</li> <li>April 15: Submit Annual Evaluation Review Form</li> <li><b>4<sup>th</sup> Friday of April: Student progress assessment by Ph.D. Committee and Faculty working with Ph.D. students</b></li> </ul>		
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on Dissertation Proposal/Other research projects</li> </ul>		
Year 4	Dissertation Work and Coursework as recommended	TA - 10 hrs/wk or Instructor	10 hrs/wk
Fall Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register for Doctoral Dissertation Research (GRAD 6950 – 6 credits)</li> <li>Work on Dissertation Proposal</li> </ul>		
Spring Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register for Doctoral Dissertation Research (GRAD 6950 – 6 credits)</li> <li>Defend and Submit “<a href="#">Dissertation Proposal for the Doctoral Degree</a>”</li> <li>April 15: Submit Annual Evaluation Review Form</li> <li><b>4<sup>th</sup> Friday of April: Student progress assessment by Ph.D. Committee and Faculty working with Ph.D. students</b></li> </ul>		
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June/July – Submit applications for academic positions, schedule mock interviews/presentations with faculty</li> </ul>		
Year 5	Dissertation Work and Defense	Instructor (2 courses/yr)	10 hrs/wk
Fall Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register for Doctoral Dissertation Research (GRAD 6950 – 6 credits)</li> <li>Work on Dissertation</li> <li>Schedule mock interviews/presentation with faculty</li> </ul>		
Spring Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register for Doctoral Dissertation Research (GRAD 6950 – 6 credits)</li> <li>Dissertation Defense and <a href="#">Submission of Dissertation forms</a></li> <li><a href="#">Application for Graduation</a></li> <li>April 15: Submit Annual Evaluation Review Form</li> <li><b>4<sup>th</sup> Friday of April: Meeting of Ph.D. Committee and Faculty working with Ph.D. students</b></li> </ul>		