

Recommended Temporal Guidelines for Degree Completion

I. Temporal Guidelines

Time	Task
Year 1, Fall	Create draft of Program of Study for MS degree (DET & advisor approve) or complete the MS Equivalency Review, if entering with an MS/MA from elsewhere
Year 1, Spring	Inform DET regarding Thesis Committee members Proposal meeting for thesis project
Year 2, Fall	Submit final Program of Study to DET Apply for graduation (MS degree) with Graduate School
Year 2, Spring	Submit MS oral defense information to DET Schedule Masters Colloquium with Psychology Department Office Defend thesis project Complete all steps on Graduate School's "Graduation Checklist" & "Thesis Clearance" for MS
Year 2, May	Select Qualifying Exam Option (traditional format or integrative paper) For integrative paper, submit committee to DET
Year 2, Summer	Complete Qualifying Exam
Year 3, Fall	Create draft of Program of Study for PhD (DET & advisor approve) Inform DET regarding Dissertation Committee members Proposal meeting for dissertation project
Year 5, Fall	Submit final Program of Study to DET Apply for graduation (PhD degree) with Graduate School
Year 5, Spring	Submit PhD oral defense information to DET Schedule Doctoral Colloquium with Psychology Department Office Defend dissertation project Complete all steps on Graduate School's "Graduation Checklist" and "Dissertation Clearance" for Ph.D.

II. Prerequisites for Program Tasks

1. Prerequisites to take the Qualifying Exam
 - a. In Good Standing (not on probation)
 - b. Four semesters of doctoral training at ISU (or MS/MA + 2 semesters at ISU)
 - c. Completion of all courses specified by the Program of Study
 - d. Completion of MS Course Review Form (if applicable)
 - e. Thesis completed
 - f. Select Qualifying Exam Option (traditional or integrative paper)

2. Admission to Candidacy for the Doctoral Degree
 - a. MS Degree Conferred
 - b. Qualifying Exam Passed
3. Propose the Dissertation
 - a. Admission to Candidacy
4. Walk in May Graduation Ceremony
 - a. Defend dissertation prior to finals week in spring semester
 - b. All requirements of Program of Study completed
 - c. Apply for graduation with the Graduate School