PhD Program Timeline Typical Progress Through the PhD Program

Enter Program

 Supervisor and student work together to choose courses. See "PhD Program Manual", "Doctoral Curriculum & Program Guidebook" and "PhD Student Program Plan"

Within 12 months

- GPS Ethics requirement is completed
- Supervisory Committee selected with Supervisor

Within 24 months

- Course work is completed
- GPS Professional Development requirement is completed

25 - 30 months

- Candidacy Examination Committee established; exam scheduled. Please see "Candidacy Examination Guidelines"
- Report of Completion of Candidacy is submitted to the Graduate Office

30 - 48 months

- Complete thesis research
- Thesis writing. See "Thesis Guidlines (Traditional & Paper-Based)"

48 months+

- Supervisor and committee begin preparing for Final Doctoral Exam. See "Final Doctoral Examination Timeline"
- Exam Committee and External Examiner are established and approved; exam is scheduled
- Preliminary Acceptance of Thesis is signed by Supervisory Committee members: Thesis sent to External

Final Exam & Convocation

- Final examination is passed
- Student applies for convocation
- Final thesis is submitted to GPS