

TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETING PHD REQUIREMENTS

Process	Time Frame (<i>Semesters of Residence</i>)* Deadline
1) Select Major Professor	Part of application process
2) Approval of Advisory Committee	2 nd semester
3) Approval of the Preliminary Program of Study	Beginning of 3 rd semester
4) Approval of Final Doctoral Program of Study	Before the 4 th semester
5) Completion of Doctoral Field Statement	before the end of the 4 th semester
6) Completion of Research Skills Requirement (or 2 nd language)	Beginning of 5 th semester
7) Written Comprehensive Exam	5 th semester
8) Oral Comprehensive Exam	5 th semester
9) Dissertation Prospectus Approval	6 th semester
10) Application for Admission to Candidacy	6 th semester (based on successful completion of program of study and #'s 6, 7, 8 above) Note: per the graduate school, students must advance to candidacy within 6 years of matriculation. After six years, a student's coursework will expire.
11) Submit electronic Application for Graduation, as well as information for Commencement Program form	1 st week of final semester
12) Final Dissertation to Major Professor for Approval	6 weeks prior to deadline for submission to dissertation committee
13) Dissertation to Graduate School for Format Check	Final semester
14) Final Dissertation to Committee	1 month prior to defense* including text, footnotes, illustrations, and bibliography
15) Approval of Dissertation	No later than 5 years after admission to candidacy
16) Approval of Final Oral Defense	No later than 5 years after admission to candidacy

All forms are available in the Graduate Office, 104 Visual Arts Building &/or online.
<http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/current-students/forms/>

*Semesters of residence only include semesters in which the student has enrolled for credit.

