

Progressing through the PhD: The Part-Time Five to Six Year Plan

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Doctoral Seminar 1-2 course	2-3 courses Complete research methods course	Write dissertation proposal	Defend dissertation proposal before January 1 st or petition to remain in program	Write DISSERTATION	
Complete Doctoral Seminar + research methods course+ 4 half courses					
Meet with supervisor once per term; review report on progress in Winter	Meet with supervisor once per term; review report on progress in Winter; meet with committee members as necessary	Meet with supervisor 1-2 times per term; review report on progress in Winter; meet with committee members as necessary	Meet with supervisor about 1-2 times per term; review report on progress in Winter; meet with committee members as necessary	DEFEND DISSERTATION	
	With supervisor, put together a dissertation committee, complete necessary paperwork		Apply for ethics review, if applicable Complete fieldwork, if applicable		
Begin outlining possible dissertation projects	Maintain a regular writing practice	Maintain a regular writing practice; draft dissertation proposal and, working with supervisor, circulate to committee for feedback	Maintain a regular writing practice; begin writing dissertation	Maintain a regular writing practice	
				Share drafts of chapters with supervisor and, when appropriate, committee	