

TIMING OF PHD DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

See the PhD section of the *Graduate Handbook* for details and required forms - http://www.sociology.uwo.ca/graduate_handbook/PhD.html

Create a personal four-year plan based on this table

Use every term wisely (including summer!)

During the first summer, a student should be completing the Research Apprenticeship and/or studying for the first comprehensive exam.

During the second summer, the Thesis Proposal should be completed with the support of your supervisor.

Please discuss a plan for completion of these requirements with the Grad Chair or your thesis supervisor, do not postpone them!

	<u>YEAR 1</u>			<u>YEAR 2</u>			<u>YEAR 3</u>			<u>YEAR 4</u>		
	Fall Sept-Dec	Winter Jan-Apr	Summer May-Aug	Fall Sept-Dec	Winter Jan-Apr	Summer May-Aug	Fall Sept-Dec	Winter Jan-Apr	Summer May-Aug	Fall Sept-Dec	Winter Jan-Apr	Summer May-Aug
Planning for the academic year	While the Grad Chair requests a meeting with each student in late August/early September each year, students are encouraged to discuss their plans and/or concerns with either the Grad Chair or their thesis supervisor at any time.											
Course work	courses	courses	Students who must take 8 courses or those who need a course not offered previously may need to take courses during the second year									
Supervisor	A supervisor should be chosen by the end of first year in the program. A supervisory committee member should be chosen soon after. <i>Required form: Supervisory Committee & Proposal Report</i>			The expectation is that the supervisory committee member will serve as a "reader," providing feedback beginning at the proposal stage and throughout the writing process, and will read the thesis in its entirety before preliminary submission.								
Thesis proposal			The Thesis Proposal consists of two components. The written component is completed (using the <i>Dissertation Proposal Requirements</i> as a guide) by the end of second year, followed by the presentation component in the fall term of third year. The <i>Supervisory Committee & Proposal Report</i> (on file in program office) must be updated upon completion of both components.									
Research apprenticeship			this term ideal	>	>	>	>	to be completed no later than end of third year. <i>Required form:</i> PhD Research Apprenticeship Report				
Comps			study for first comp	write first comp (October)	study for second comp	write second comp (June)						
Professional seminar	The professional seminar series is a non-credit requirement for PhD candidates and students are expected to attend the sessions designed for specific program stages (i.e., Year 1, 2, 3, or 4). Please contact Kim Shuey to request attendance at other sessions. Check the graduate course listing for availability (and outline) each year.											
Conference presentations & Publishing			>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>
Thesis preparation overview			choose thesis supervisor	work on thesis proposal	>	>	complete thesis proposal	write	>	>	>	defend and complete

All students are expected to attend the Department Colloquium Series