

## PH.D. COMPLETION GUIDELINES

YEAR	TIME-FRAME GUIDELINES
YEAR 1 and Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Three Laboratory Rotations (students with M.S. degree complete two rotations, MD/Ph.D. students complete two rotations)</li> <li>• Complete Deficiency Coursework (if applicable)</li> <li>• Complete Core Coursework</li> <li>• Complete First Year Annual Report (on or before June 1)</li> <li>• End of First Year - Selection of Mentor/Research Advisor</li> </ul>
YEAR 2 and Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin Doctoral Research</li> <li>• Complete Core Coursework</li> <li>• Form Research Advisory Committee</li> <li>• Prepare Outline for Comprehensive Examination Research Proposal (PERP)</li> <li>• Prepare for Written Portion of Comprehensive Examination</li> </ul>
YEAR 3 and Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pass Written Portion of Comprehensive Examination</li> <li>• Present Seminar</li> <li>• Research Advisory Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Prepare Comprehensive Examination Research Proposal (PERP)</li> <li>• Doctoral Research</li> <li>• Pass for Oral Portion of Comprehensive Examination</li> </ul>
YEARS 4 and 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File for Application to Candidacy</li> <li>• Present Seminar</li> <li>• Doctoral Research</li> <li>• Research Advisory Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Pass Final Examination (Dissertation Defense)</li> <li>• Identify Employment Opportunities</li> </ul>
YEARLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students Must Receive at Least a B Grade in All Core Courses</li> <li>• Attend Weekly Seminar Program</li> <li>• Complete Annual Report (on or before June 1)</li> <li>• Students supported by or through the University are expected to enroll for 12 units of credit each academic semester and one unit each summer session</li> </ul>