



Doctoral Degree

Graduate Program Track

Year One		Year Two		Year Three		Year Four		Year Five																					
First Semester (Fall) Register 7 credits (Including Intro to Grad Studies) ✓ Review Policy & Handbook ✓ Meet with Graduate Coordinator \$ Sign Spring Assistantship Agreement	Credits Earned 7	Second Semester (Spring) Register 6 Credits \$ Verify Summer Funding *Apply for Scholarships*	Credits Earned 13	Summer Semester No Registration Required ✓ RCR/CITI Training \$ Sign Fall Assistantship Agreement		Third Semester (Fall) Register 6 Credits ✓ Individual Development Plan ✓ Supervisory Committee \$ Sign Spring Assistantship Agreement	Credits Earned 19	Fourth Semester (Spring) Register 6 Credits ✓ DegreeWorks Plan – Program of Study ✓ Annual Professional Development Plan \$ Verify Summer Funding *Apply for Scholarships*	Credits Earned 25	Summer Semester No Registration Required \$ Sign Fall Assistantship Agreement		Fifth Semester (Fall) Register 6 Credits ✓ Annual Professional Development Plan ✓ Begin Compiling Dissertation \$ Sign Spring Assistantship Agreement	Credits Earned 31	Sixth Semester (Spring) Register 6 Credits ✓ Comprehensive Exam ✓ Application for Candidacy \$ Verify Summer Funding *Apply for Scholarships*	Credits Earned 37	Summer Semester No Registration Required ✓ Continue Compiling Dissertation \$ Sign Fall Assistantship Agreement		Seventh Semester (Fall) Register 6 Credits ✓ Annual Professional Development Plan \$ Sign Spring Assistantship Agreement	Credits Earned 43	Eighth Semester (Spring) Register 6 Credits \$ Verify Summer Funding *Apply for Scholarships*	Credits Earned 49	Summer Semester No Registration Required ✓ Continue Compiling Dissertation \$ Sign Fall Assistantship Agreement		Ninth Semester (Fall) Register 6 Credits Defense Review Meeting with GPC: ✓ Verify all forms are filed with SGS ✓ Verify all credits are applicable ✓ Reserve defense location ✓ Submit Title and Photo \$ Sign Spring Assistantship Agreement	Credits Earned 55	Tenth Semester (Spring) Register 5 Credits Defense ✓ Apply for Graduation ✓ Appointment for Exam ✓ Defend Dissertation	Credits Earned 60	Summer (Grace) Semester No Registration Required Finish final dissertation edits ✓ Submit Thesis to GPC ✓ Submit Title Page ✓ Authorship & Copyright ✓ Format & Style / ETD ✓ IRB / IACUC cert.	

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