

RECOMMENDED TIME LINE FOR PH.D. PROGRAM

		Entering with Bachelor's Degree	Entering with Master's Degree
Year 1	Fall	Course work	Course work (Plan thesis equivalence if needed)
	Spring	Course work Research plan for Master's thesis	Course work (Thesis equivalence)
	Summer	Begin thesis research	
Year 2	Fall	Course work Thesis research	Course work Prepare for qualifying exam
	Spring	Course work Thesis completed	Course work Qualifying exams Thesis equivalence completed
	Summer		Prepare dissertation proposal
Year 3	Fall	Course work Prepare for qualifying exam	Course work Preliminary Exam
	Spring	Course work Qualifying exams	Dissertation research
	Summer	Prepare dissertation proposal	Dissertation research
Year 4	Fall	Preliminary Exam	Dissertation research
	Spring	Dissertation research	Dissertation completed Final oral exam
	Summer	Dissertation research	
Year 5	Fall	Dissertation research	
	Spring	Dissertation completed Final oral exam	