

DOCTORAL PROGRAM MILESTONES

HUMANITIES

Five phases from coursework to the defense. Timelines vary by program, so write in the target dates that fit yours and confirm them with your graduate advisor.

PHASE	FOCUS	MILESTONE	MY TARGET DATE
1 YEAR 1	FOUNDATION Seminars, language study and coursework	Identifying major fields and advisor	_____
2 YEAR 2	COURSEWORK Remaining coursework, comprehensive reading, TA-ship and pedagogy	Coursework complete and exam fields set	_____
3 YEAR 3	CANDIDACY Exam preparation and prospectus writing	Qualifying exams and advancement to candidacy <i>Timing varies: many programs hold qualifying exams in Year 2, others in Year 3. Check your department's handbook.</i>	_____
4 YEAR 4	RESEARCH Research, fieldwork, grant writing and chapter drafting	ABD (All But Dissertation)	_____
5+ YEAR 5+	COMPLETION Polishing and job market	Defense and graduation	_____