

DOCTORAL PROGRAM MILESTONES

HUMANITIES: CREATIVE PRACTICE

For creative-practice programs such as music composition. Four phases, often completed by the end of Year 3. Instead of fieldwork, the dissertation is a creative project, such as a larger musical work or software, with a shorter written paper. Timelines vary, 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 Composition seminars, coursework and lessons	Selecting an advisor	_____
2 YEAR 2	CANDIDACY Portfolio work, TA-ship and project proposal	Qualifying exams and advancement to candidacy	_____
3 YEAR 3	CREATIVE PROJECT Composing a larger work, building software or another creative project	Creative project complete	_____
3+ YEAR 3+	COMPLETION Writing the shorter paper about your project and job market	Defense and graduation	_____