

Milestones

Timeline illustration for PhD students in _____
 (Program)

Degree Plan ID _____

UT Austin Milestones	Expected Time of Achievement
Review degree requirements and milestones agreement form with adviser	
Successful completion of all exams (oral and/or written) needed to advance to candidacy	
Complete all required, formal coursework	
Advancement to candidacy	
IRB (human testing) approvals (if needed)	
IACUC (animal testing) approvals (if needed)	
Dissertation/treatise (or equivalent) completed, successfully defended, and approved by committee	
Student completes and files all paperwork required for graduation	
Dissertation/treatise (or equivalent) accepted by Graduate School	
Exit interview completed and submitted to Survey of Earned Doctorates	
Other program specific requirements Describe:	
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Form completed by: _____ Date: _____

Degree Plan Requirements

Recommended Steps for Completing a Ph.D. in _____ Degree Plan ID = _____

Note: Only a few items from this broad list of degree requirements will be required for a given Ph.D. program. Always check with your Graduate Adviser or Graduate Coordinator for the most complete description of degree requirements.

Required	Recommended	Does not apply	PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS / OPTIONS	Required	Recommended	Does not apply	PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS / OPTIONS
√			Complete Milestones Agreement Form with Adviser				Satisfactorily complete second year paper
			Plan coursework / complete any required background coursework				Define area of specialization / Identify dissertation topic
			English certification (if needed, before student contact)				Defend research proposal
			X98T, as needed				IRB (humans) or IACUC (animals) approval from UT, if needed
			Proseminar / Introduction to faculty research				Form dissertation committee
			Complete teaching assistant requirement	√			Copyright tutorial
			Safety training, as needed	√			Apply for candidacy
			Learn research protocols	√			Enroll in dissertation/treatise hours (X99R, then X99W)
			Fulfill first foreign language competency				Revisit career options
			Complete second foreign language competency				Continue to develop research proposal / proposal review
			Fulfill foreign language requirement, as needed				Give research presentation
			Complete lab rotations				Begin dissertation data collection and/or dissertation fieldwork
			Identify supervising professor (or temporary advisor)				Apply for dissertation fellowship
			Visit Career Center, or equivalent				Develop timeline for dissertation completion with supervisor
			Complete required coursework for degree				Complete data collection and/or dissertation fieldwork
			Complete Pre-Qualifying/Pre-Comprehensive Exam Procedure				Internship
			Prepare for major exams				Submit paper(s) for publication
			Pass project proposal and defense	√			Apply to graduate / Provide placement data
			Write and submit research proposal	√			Contact committee members to schedule date for defense/defend
			Establish qualifying exam committee	√			Submit dissertation to the Graduate School
			Pass all written and/or oral qualifying exams	√			Approval of GSC Chair that all degree requirements met ("Gold Sheet")
			Complete master's level requirements		√		Exit interview
			Apply for pre-doctoral fellowship or other extramural funding		√		Survey of Earned Doctorates
			Establish comprehensive exam committee				Register to attend convocation / Order regalia
			Pass comprehensive exams				Other:
			Formal request for admission to Ph.D. program				Other:

* Items in bold are Graduate School requirements of (nearly) all doctoral students