PhD Program Milestones

YEAR	PROGRAM MILESTONE	RECOMMENDED TIMELINE	FINAL DEADLINE*	FUNDING STATUS
YEAR 1	First Year Comprehensive Exam	Autumn Quarter in Year 2	End of **Autumn term** in **Year 2** (including revisions if needed)	Guaranteed Academic Year Funding
	Individual Development Plan (IDP)	Autumn Quarter Annually	End of **Autumn term** Annually	
YEAR 2	Complete Coursework including Research (SOC WL 582/583) and Teaching Practica (SOC WL 584)	Majority of coursework completed throughout Year 2	End of **Spring term** in Year 3	Guaranteed Academic Year Funding
	Identification of Chair Formation of Supervisory Committee	Select chair winter term Form full committee by spring term	End of **summer term** in Year 2	
YEAR 3	**Outline** of Qualifying Paper approved by Committee and submitted to Program Office	End of **Autumn** term in Year 3	End of **Winter** term in Year 3	Guaranteed Academic Year Funding
	Qualifying Paper and evaluation forms approved by Supervisory Committee	**Two-Three Quarters within approval of outline from Supervisory Committee**	End of **Spring term** in Year 3	
	General Examination (Defense/Qualifying Paper and Oral): Advance to Candidacy (PhC)	Spring in Year 3	**Autumn term** in Year 4	
YEAR 4	Formation of Reading and Supervisory Committee for Dissertation	Fall in Year 4	End of **Winter term** in Year 4	Guaranteed Academic Year Funding
	Dissertation Prospectus approved	Fall in Year 4	End of **Spring** term of Year 4	
YEAR 5	Dissertation Completion and Defense	End of spring term in Year 5	Spring Quarter in Year 6	Funding Not Guaranteed
*Failure to meet the Final Deadline will result in evaluation for Academic Warning and a statement of the deadlines the student must meet within the following quarter. These deadlines must be met to avoid Academic Probation, a Graduate School status in which the student has one quarter to complete academic work or face termination from the program.				
** End of Term means the last day of the quarter as noted by the UW academic time schedule.				

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