

Sample Dissertation Timetable (2-year plan)

This schedule is for a candidate who will submit each chapter initially to the chair and wait until all (or nearly all) of the chapters are complete and approved to submit them to the other committee members.

NOTE: This timeline is for informational purposes only and is not meant to be prescriptive; schedule and order of chapter composition and evaluation will always be determined by candidate and committee.

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	1st chapter
	2nd chapter
	3rd chapter
	4th chapter
	Introduction
	Meetings, deadlines

Deadline	Goal
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2013

<input type="checkbox"/> April 2	Prospectus meeting with full committee
<input type="checkbox"/> May-September	Work on draft of 1st chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> September 1	Submit 1st chapter to chair
<input type="checkbox"/> September 15-30:	Anticipate 1st chapter returned from chair
<input type="checkbox"/> Sept-Oct	Research and begin drafting 2nd chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> Oct 1	Review comments on 1st chapter; begin revising.
<input type="checkbox"/> Nov-Dec	Complete work on draft of 2nd chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec 15	Submit 2nd chapter to chair

2014

<input type="checkbox"/> January	Revise 1st chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> January 14-30	Anticipate 2nd chapter returned from chair
<input type="checkbox"/> February & March	Research and begin drafting 3rd chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> March	Schedule meeting with chair to evaluate timeline & progress
<input type="checkbox"/> March 1	Review comments on 2nd chapter; begin revising
<input type="checkbox"/> April-May	Complete draft of 3rd chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> May 15	Submit 3rd chapter to chair

<input type="checkbox"/> May-June	Revise 2nd chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> June 15-30:	Anticipate 3rd chapter returned from chair
<input type="checkbox"/> June - August	Research complete draft of 4th chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> July & August	Review comments on 3rd chapter from chair; complete revisions to 3 rd chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> September 1	Submit 4th chapter to chair
<input type="checkbox"/> September 15	MLA JIL (Job Information List) available online (applications due throughout the Fall)
<input type="checkbox"/> September & October	Write introduction
<input type="checkbox"/> September 15-30:	Anticipate 4th chapter returned from chair
<input type="checkbox"/> October	Revise 4 th chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> October 30	Submit full draft of dissertation (except for introduction) to entire committee
<input type="checkbox"/> November 1	Schedule meeting with chair to evaluate timeline & progress
<input type="checkbox"/> November 15	Submit introduction to chair
<input type="checkbox"/> November 30- December 15	Anticipate Introduction returned from chair
<input type="checkbox"/> November 30 – December 15	Anticipate full draft of dissertation returned from each committee member with comments and feedback
<input type="checkbox"/> November & December	Revise full draft of dissertation

2015

<input type="checkbox"/> January	Revise Introduction
<input type="checkbox"/> January	Revise full draft of dissertation
<input type="checkbox"/> January 8-11	MLA
<input type="checkbox"/> January 15	Schedule meeting with committee members to address revisions and concerns about full dissertation
<input type="checkbox"/> February	Revise Introduction
<input type="checkbox"/> January 20, Tuesday	Deadline for graduate students to apply to graduate in May 2015
<input type="checkbox"/> January 15	Schedule meeting with chair to evaluate timeline & progress
<input type="checkbox"/> February 1	Submit revised dissertation (complete) to entire committee
<input type="checkbox"/> March	Incorporate final revisions to full dissertation based on committee's feedback
<input type="checkbox"/> March 18, Wednesday	Final date for May Doctoral Candidates' oral dissertation defense
<input type="checkbox"/> March 24, Wednesday	Deadline for filing dissertation and original

	signature pages, the Graduate School
<input type="checkbox"/> March 18-April 28	Make final revisions to dissertation and ensure correct formatting throughout
<input type="checkbox"/> April 29, Wednesday	Deadline for final submission of thesis or dissertation to the Graduate School
<input type="checkbox"/> May 8	Graduation