

## Sample Dissertation Timetable (2-year plan)

This schedule is for a candidate who will submit each chapter initially to the chair and then revise and submit each, directly afterward, to 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.**

Color key	
	Chapter 1
	Chapter 2
	Chapter 3
	Chapter 4
	Introduction
	Meetings, deadlines

Deadline	Goal
<b>2013</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> April 2	Prospectus meeting with full committee
<input type="checkbox"/> May-September	Work on draft of 1 <sup>st</sup> Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> September 1	<b>Submit 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter to chair</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> September 15-30:	Anticipate 1 <sup>st</sup> Chapter returned from chair
<input type="checkbox"/> Sept-Oct	Research and begin drafting 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> Oct 1	Review comments on 1 <sup>st</sup> Chapter from chair; make notes for revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Nov-Dec	Complete work on draft of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> January 1	<b>Submit 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter to chair</b>

<b>2014</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> January	Revise 1 <sup>st</sup> Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> February 1	<b>Submit revised 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter to chair <u>and</u> committee members</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> January 14-30	Anticipate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chapter returned from chair
<input type="checkbox"/> February & March	Research and begin drafting 3 <sup>rd</sup> Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 14-30	Anticipate revised 1 <sup>st</sup> Chapter returned from Chair and committee members
<input type="checkbox"/> March	Schedule meeting with chair to evaluate timeline & progress
<input type="checkbox"/> March 1	Review comments on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chapter from chair;

	make notes for revision
<input type="checkbox"/> April-May	Complete draft of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>May 15</b>	<b>Submit 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter to chair</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> May	Revise 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>June 1</b>	<b>Submit revised 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter to chair <u>and</u> committee members</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> June 1-14:	Anticipate 3 <sup>rd</sup> Chapter returned from chair
<input type="checkbox"/> June & July	Research and begin drafting 4 <sup>th</sup> Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> July 1-14:	Anticipate revised 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chapter returned from chair and committee
<input type="checkbox"/> July	Review comments on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Chapter from chair; make notes for revision
<input type="checkbox"/> August	Complete draft of 4 <sup>th</sup> Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>September 1</b>	<b>Submit 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter to chair</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> September 15	MLA JIL (Job Information List) available online ( <b>applications due throughout the Fall</b> )
<input type="checkbox"/> September	Revise 3 <sup>rd</sup> Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/> September 15-30:	Anticipate 4 <sup>th</sup> Chapter returned from chair
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>October 1</b>	<b>Submit revised 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter to chair <u>and</u> committee members</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> November	Schedule meeting with chair to evaluate timeline & progress
<input type="checkbox"/> October & November	Write introduction
<input type="checkbox"/> October 15-30:	Anticipate revised 3 <sup>rd</sup> Chapter returned from committee
<input type="checkbox"/> October	Review comments on 4 <sup>th</sup> Chapter from chair; make notes for revision
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>December 1</b>	<b>Submit Introduction to chair <u>and</u> committee members</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> December	Revise 4 <sup>th</sup> Chapter

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<input type="checkbox"/> January 14-30	Anticipate Introduction returned from chair and committee members
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>January 10</b>	<b>Submit revised 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter to chair <u>and</u> committee members</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> January 8-11	MLA
<input type="checkbox"/> February	Revise Introduction
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>January 20, Tuesday</b>	<b>Deadline for graduate students to apply to graduate in May 2015</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> January 15	Schedule meeting with chair to evaluate timeline & progress
<input type="checkbox"/> January & February	Complete revisions to entire dissertation
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>February 18</b>	<b>Submit revised dissertation (complete) to entire committee</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>March 18, Wednesday</b>	<b>Final date for May Doctoral Candidates' oral dissertation defense</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>March 24, Wednesday</b>	<b>Deadline for filing dissertation and original signature pages, the Graduate School</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> March 18-April 28	Make final revisions to dissertation and ensure correct formatting throughout
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>April 29, Wednesday</b>	<b>Deadline for final submission of thesis or dissertation to the Graduate School</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> May 8	Graduation