# Milestones: Time Targets for the Sociology Ph.D. Program - May 2017

The following are our DRAFT guidelines for achieving milestones in the Ph.D. program. These are based on SGS and the department’s requirements as well as past students’ experience with moving successfully through the program. The time targets assume entry from a M.A. program.

**Professional development targets in italics**

*Through graduate career, participate in conferences, workshops, attending job talks, and participate in faculty research through Research Assistantships.*

| YEAR 1: Fall | • Complete courses adding up to 1.5 FCE (3 half-year courses)  
• Complete Part I of the Pro-Seminar (required course with no credit awarded until year3) |
| YEAR 1: Winter | • Decide on area for 1st Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam  
• Complete courses adding up to 1.5 FCE courses (3 half-year courses)  
• Required winter courses: Contemporary Theory, Intermediate Data Analysis  
• Choose Advisor for the Research Practicum paper |
| YEAR 1: Summer | • Begin the required Research Practicum course & work on developing research paper  
• Write 1st Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam (late August)  
• With the exception of the Practicum (1.0) and Proseminar II (1.0), all required coursework should be complete by beginning of Year 2 |
| YEAR 2: Fall | • Continue progress in the Research Practicum course  
• Select Supervisor & identify Supervisory committee for the dissertation |
| YEAR 2: Winter | • Write 2nd Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam (early Feb.)  
• Complete Research Practicum Course |
| YEAR 2: Summer | • Write 2nd Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam if not already completed (late August)  
• Work with Supervisor/committee in developing your dissertation project  
• Submit practicum paper for peer review |
| YEAR 3: Fall | • Write dissertation proposal  
• Work closely with Supervisor/committee to prepare for ethics approval  
• Complete Part II of the Pro-Seminar (required) |
| YEAR 3: Winter | • Submit and defend dissertation proposal; begin data collection |
| YEAR 3: Summer | • Submit and defend dissertation proposal, if not already completed  
• Submit paper(s) for peer review |
| YEARS 4-6 | • Dissertation data collection, analysis, writing  
• Full dissertation exam committee formed  
• Submit paper(s) for peer review  
• Teach a sociology undergraduate course; take optional Teaching Sociology Grad Course  
• Develop web presence  
• Submit and defend dissertation |
| NOTES: | • Supplemental (beyond required total) courses enhancing program may be taken  
• For the funded cohorts, Soc. dept. Summer Fellowships and Research Grant applications are due in October/March  
From FAS guidelines on funding eligibility:  
• Application deadlines for fellowship grants (eg. SSHRC and OGS) are in October/March each year. You agree to apply for and accept external awards for which you are eligible.  
• You must be in good academic standing to receive funding (if academic progress is in question, the Graduate Program Office will inform you before funding is affected).