

CS Ph.D. Time Table and Checklist

* The time table is designed to guide the students to finish their Ph.D. study in 5-6 years.

** Students will be evaluated every semester in the first two years, then, annually, to determine whether *satisfactory progress* is made.

	Task	Forms
Year 1		
Semester 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take courses towards fulfilling major and minor course requirements Transfer credits if applicable Identify research interests 	Transfer of Credit Form
Semester 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue enrollment towards fulfilling major and minor course requirements Start research involvement via Independent Study (Y790) or RAship Identify faculty advisor Identify minor area Start discussing with faculty advisor about forming Advisory Committee 	Appointment of Advisory Committee Form Permission to Register for Independent Research Courses Form
Target Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form Advisory Committee 	
Year 2		
Semester 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue enrollment towards fulfilling major and minor course requirements Conduct research under the guidance of Advisory Committee 	
Semester 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final coursework to fulfill major course requirements Schedule and take Qualifying Exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must finished all major course before you can take Qualifying Exam Course seven year and older must be revalidated. 	Qualifying Exam Scheduling Form Qualifying Exam Form
Target Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfill major course requirements Pass Qualifying Exam Submit research papers 	
Year 3		
Semester 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final coursework to fulfill minor course requirements Apply for Ph.D. Candidacy 	Nomination of Candidacy Form
Semester 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Enrollment (Y790) From Research Committee 	Nomination of Research Committee Form (online)
Target Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire Ph.D. candidacy Form Research Committee 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish research papers 	
Year 4		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Enrollment (Y890) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You can register for Y890 after you acquire Ph.D. Candidacy • Define research topic and start Ph.D. Research under the guidance of Research Committee • Keep publishing 	
Target Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research publications 	
Year 5		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You can register for Y901 after you have completed 90 credits ○ You can register for Y901 for up to six semesters before you need to return to Y890 • Thesis proposal 	Dissertation Proposal Form
Target Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass thesis proposal 	
Year 6		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissertation defense <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At least six months after thesis proposal ○ At least 30 days after dissertation announcement ○ If dissertation defense is held more than seven years after passing Qualifying Exam, the Qualifying Exam needs to be revalidated • Submission of the dissertation • Apply for degree 	Dissertation Announce form (online) Thesis Defense form
Target Milestones	Passing dissertation defense	
Congratulations!!		