Doctoral Dissertation Proposed 5-Term Timeline

The Doctoral Dissertation Proposed 5-Term Timeline presents suggested milestones for helping students complete their dissertations in five RES 8990 terms. For students requiring additional RES terms, The Doctoral Dissertation Proposed 8-Term Timeline presents suggested milestones for completing the dissertation in three additional terms.

During Coursework	Dissertation Planning I & II	RES 8990 Term I	RES 8990 Term II (Proposal Complete)	RES 8990 Term III (Proposal Complete)	RES 8990 Term IV
• Complete research courses • Investigate possible dissertation topics • Build up a set of references for topic area	• Finalize research topic • Obtain dissertation chair • Continue reading dissertations, scholarly articles, and books to collect and organize references • Complete LOI: Problem statement, Purpose, Importance, Research questions/hypotheses, Methodology	• Submit LOI for RRB feedback • After RRB feedback, work with Chair to make changes and resubmit • Complete Chapters I and 2 • Begin Chapter 3 • Study proposed methodology in more depth	• Complete Chapter 3 • Complete proposal (Chapters 1,2,3) Correctly format and edit proposal • Submit proposal to committee for review • Revise proposal per committee feedback	• Submit for Proposal Research Review • Schedule Preliminary Oral Defense • Conduct Preliminary Oral Defense • Obtain approvals from outside agencies or sites to submit with Institutional Review Board (IRB) application • Submit to IRB Review • *Upon obtaining IRB approval, student may begin data collection*	• Complete Data collection and analysis • Write Chapters 4 and 5 • Present a clean, correctly formatted dissertation manuscript (Chapters 1-5) to all committee members • Make changes and obtain "informal" approval

RES 8990 Term V	Allowed after last term
• Submit for Final Research Review (FRR) in Week 1 • Submit Petition to Graduate • Schedule Final Oral Defense no later than Week 6; Prepare for Final Oral Defense • Get feedback from FRR; make changes • Re-submit for Final Research Review • Get feedback from review; make minor changes • Conduct Final Oral Defense • Incorporate changes from Final Oral Defense into manuscript • Have Committee review final dissertation • Send out to editor; Obtain Certification of APA Style Compliance • Submit for Final Manuscript Review	• Make requested edits to final manuscript • Obtain final manuscript and Dean's approval • Get front page signed by Chair • Submit to ProQuest (UMI Publishing) through Library • Attend Commencement Ceremony (optional)