

## Doctoral Dissertation Proposed 8-Term Timeline\*

During Coursework	Dissertation Planning I & II	8990 Term I (LOI Complete)	8990 Term II	8990 Term III	8990 Term IV (Proposal Complete)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete research courses</li> <li>• Attend three in-residence workshops</li> <li>• Investigate possible dissertation topics</li> <li>• Build up a set of references for topic area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize research topic</li> <li>• Obtain dissertation chair</li> <li>• Continue read dissertations, scholarly articles, and books to collect and organize references</li> <li>• Build sample LOI: Problem statement, Purpose, Importance, Research questions/hypotheses, Methodology</li> <li>• Start to study methodology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain rest of dissertation committee</li> <li>• Create a timeline for rest of work</li> <li>• Situate the study within a body of literature</li> <li>• Formulate Problem statement, Importance</li> <li>• Formulate a research question with appropriate research design</li> <li>• Submit updated LOI</li> <li>• After RRB feedback, work on LOI changes with Chair and resubmit</li> <li>• Write Chapter I</li> <li>• Chair and rest of the committee reviews Chapter I</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Chapter I</li> <li>• Study Methodology in more depth</li> <li>• Draft Chapter III</li> <li>• Research additional literature for Chapter II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Chapter II</li> <li>• Complete proposal for chair approval</li> <li>• Correctly format and edit proposal</li> <li>• Submit proposal to other committee members</li> <li>• Revise proposal per feedback</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit for Proposal Research Review</li> <li>• Schedule Preliminary Oral Defense</li> <li>• Get feedback from PRR; make changes</li> <li>• Re-submit for Proposal Research Review</li> <li>• Get feedback from PRR; make minor changes</li> <li>• Conduct Preliminary Oral Defense</li> <li>• Work with committee to correct deficiencies</li> <li>• Obtain necessary approvals from outside agencies or sites to submit with IRB application</li> <li>• Submit to IRB Review</li> <li>• Make necessary changes and resubmit for IRB review</li> <li>• <b>Upon obtaining IRB approval, student may begin data collection</b></li> </ul>

8990 Term V	8991 Ext. Term I	8991 Extension Term II	8991 Extension Term III (Dissertation Complete)	Allowed after last term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Collection</li> <li>• Start Data Analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Data Analysis</li> <li>• Write Chapters IV &amp; V</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Chapters IV &amp; V</li> <li>• Update Chapters I, II, III</li> <li>• Work with Chair to gather feedback and make revisions</li> <li>• Polish formatting and editing</li> <li>• Present a clean, correctly formatted manuscript of the whole dissertation to all committee members</li> <li>• Chair and Committee members must review and comment on dissertation</li> <li>• Student makes changes and gets an "informal" approval</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit for Final Research Review (FRR) in Week 1</li> <li>• Submit Petition to Graduate</li> <li>• Schedule Final Oral Defense for no later than Week 6; Prepare for Final Oral Defense</li> <li>• Get feedback from FRR; make changes</li> <li>• Re-submit for Final Research Review</li> <li>• Get feedback from review; make minor changes</li> <li>• Conduct Final Oral Defense</li> <li>• Incorporate changes from Final Oral Defense into manuscript</li> <li>• Have Committee review final dissertation</li> <li>• Send out to editor; Obtain Certification of APA Style Compliance</li> <li>• Submit for Final Manuscript Review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make requested edits to final manuscript</li> <li>• Obtain final manuscript and Dean's approval</li> <li>• Get front page signed by Chair</li> <li>• Submit to ProQuest (UMI Publishing) through Library</li> <li>• Attend Commencement Ceremony (optional)</li> </ul>

\*Meant as a general guide. Individual timelines and order of writing proposal chapters may vary.