

PhD timeline for completion, Geography and Environment

	Fall	Spring	Summer
Year 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preliminary Conference with the Graduate Chair 2. Begin meeting with Advisor regularly 3. Take classes with potential committee members 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appointment of permanent advisor 2. Continue taking classes with potential committee members 3. Complete & file Form I* 4. Complete the online CITI RCR (responsible conduct of research) certification 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise proposal 2. Conduct pre-dissertation fieldwork (Secure letters of affiliation with host universities/ communities at your field site)
Working on the following is also important: submitting publications to journals, presenting at conferences, and developing a professional network			
Year 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete all coursework requirements, complete PhD program synopsis** 2. Propose and appoint committee** 3. Begin preparation for comprehensive exams 4. Apply for research funding 5. Complete IRB or other required protocols 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take and pass comprehensive exams 2. Present and finalize research proposal 3. File Form II* 4. Apply for funding 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-apply for funding 2. Teach an online summer class
Year 3	Conduct research, continue submitting publications, and apply for additional funding to support writing.		
Year 4	Write up and begin applying for jobs once you have a solid draft of the dissertation. If prepared, defend the dissertation (File Form III*).		
Year 5	Continue writing up and applying for jobs, defend and finalize the dissertation and submit all necessary paperwork (file Form IV*).		

* Graduate Division's forms

** Department's forms