

Film Studies PhD Timeline

YEAR 1:

- Coursework (minimum of 18 semester hours)
- Mid-August: All incoming graduate students are assigned an initial faculty advisor. Plan to meet with that advisor during the latter part of the week preceding the start of classes. The advisor can inform you of program rules and practices, discuss your first-semester course selection and long-term aspirations, and field your questions.
- Thursday or Friday before the first day of classes: Combined Film Studies and Film & Video Production orientation meetings. (Students with a teaching assistantship should also expect to meet with their course supervisor on one of these days and to attend basic training sessions.)
- August-December: Get to know faculty members who might eventually sit on your committee. Your advisor, the Department web site, and graduate student recommendations are good sources of information about which faculty work on which topics.
- Fall: Incoming students will meet with a Plan of Study committee (consisting of all Film Studies faculty) to determine a) if previous coursework satisfies distribution requirements and/or provides transfer credits and b) to plan a course of study for the next two years, leading to the Comprehensive Examination.
- January: Meet with your advisor to prepare for the spring review of graduate students.

YEAR 2:

- Coursework (minimum of 18 semester hours)
- Early Fall: Confer with your advisor and attend the required meeting held by the Director of Graduate Studies and/or Head of Film Studies regarding the Comprehensive Examination.
- Late Fall: Approval of reading lists and filmographies for the PhD Comprehensive Examination.
- Spring of Year 2: PhD Comprehensive Examination.
- Spring: Select a dissertation advisor, in consultation with whom you will develop a Prospectus and constitute a Dissertation Committee. The Prospectus should be presented to the full committee no later than the following fall.

YEAR 3:

- Additional Coursework (if required)
- Fall: Dissertation Prospectus Meeting (note: some dissertation research grants require approval of a prospectus by October or November for research in the following year).

YEAR 4:

- Spring: First (Departmental) Deposit (at least two weeks prior to Defense), Defense, and Final Deposit of Dissertation (according to Graduate College deadlines).

TABLE OF FILM STUDIES PhD PROGRAM

<p>Year 1 Fall Plan of Study Meeting 9 hours of coursework</p>	<p>Year 1 Spring Approved Comprehensive Exam Committee by April 1 9 hours of coursework</p>
	<p>Year 1 Summer Preparation of Comps Lists</p>
<p>Year 2 Fall Comps Lists Approved by end of semester 9 hours of coursework</p>	<p>Year 2 Spring Comprehensive Exams 9 hours of coursework (including 3 hour Comps course)</p>
	<p>Year 2 Summer Preparation of Dissertation Prospectus</p>
<p>Year 3 Fall Prospectus Meeting / Dissertation Research and Writing</p>	<p>Year 3 Spring Dissertation Research and Writing</p>
	<p>Year 3 Summer Dissertation Research and Writing</p>
<p>Year 4 Fall Dissertation Research and Writing</p>	<p>Year 4 Spring Dissertation Defense and Graduation</p>