

## PhD Dissertation Proposal defense + advancement (**FALL**)

### August

- Send draft of dissertation proposal to Chair for review
- Schedule dissertation proposal defense date with Chair and committee members

### September

- Chair reviews dissertation proposal draft and returns comments to student
- Provide your dissertation proposal defense date and committee details to the Director of Graduate Programs and the Graduate Program Coordinator by **September 30**

### October

- Complete dissertation proposal defense
- Work on any necessary revisions post-defense
- Obtain committee and departmental signatures on [Dissertation Form 2](#)

### November

- Finalize revisions
- Submit required paperwork to the Director of Graduate Programs and the Graduate Program Coordinator by **November 10**

## PhD Dissertation Proposal defense + advancement (**SPRING**)

### January

- Send draft of dissertation proposal to Chair for review
- Schedule dissertation proposal defense date with Chair and committee members

### February

- Chair reviews dissertation proposal draft and returns comments to student
- Provide your dissertation proposal defense date and committee details to the Director of Graduate Programs and the Graduate Program Coordinator by **February 28**

### March

- Complete dissertation proposal defense
- Work on any necessary revisions post-defense
- Obtain committee and departmental signatures on [Dissertation Form 2](#)

### April

- Finalize revisions
- Submit required paperwork to the Director of Graduate Programs and the Graduate Program Coordinator by **April 10**

## PhD Dissertation Proposal defense + advancement (**SUMMER**)

### April

- Send draft of dissertation proposal to Chair for review
- Schedule dissertation proposal defense date with Chair and committee members

### May

- Chair reviews dissertation proposal draft and returns comments to student
- Provide your dissertation proposal defense date and committee details to the Director of Graduate Programs and the Graduate Program Coordinator by **May 31**

### June

- Complete dissertation proposal defense
- Work on any necessary revisions post-defense
- Obtain committee and departmental signatures on [Dissertation Form 2](#)

### July

- Finalize revisions
- Submit required paperwork to the Director of Graduate Programs and the Graduate Program Coordinator by **July 10**