

Northwestern University: Timeline for Completion of the PhD Degree

* MSTP students will not follow this timeline. Please see the MSTP Web site for information on MSTP program completion.

* The Graduate School requires a minimum of nine graded courses.

* Residency credit is no longer awarded through TGS but is handled by programs. A program may waive any requirements above nine graded courses based on coursework from another institution.

* If a student takes a leave of absence or does not register for summers in quarters one through eight, the Tuition Model and Registration timelines will be delayed accordingly, but not the Milestones timeline, unless other arrangements are made with TGS.

	Year One				Year Two			
	Q1 - Fall	Q2 - Winter	Q3 - Spring	Q4 - Summer	Q5 - Fall	Q6 - Winter	Q7 - Spring	Q8 - Summer
<i>Tuition model</i>	Full Rate (funding guaranteed)				Full Rate (funding guaranteed)			
<i>Registration</i>	3-4 units of coursework or 590	3-4 units of coursework or 590	3-4 units of coursework or 590	3-4 units of coursework or 590	3-4 units of coursework or 590	3-4 units of coursework or 590	3-4 units of coursework or 590	3-4 units of coursework or 590
<i>Milestones to be achieved</i>	Coursework towards residency requirement . A minimum of nine graded courses are required by TGS. Individual programs may require more graded courses.				Coursework towards residency requirement . A minimum of nine graded courses are required by TGS. Individual programs may require more graded courses.			
<i>Forms to be completed</i>								

	Year Three				Year Four			
	Q9 - Fall	Q10 - Winter	Q11 - Spring	Q12 - Summer	Q13 - Fall	Q14 - Winter	Q15 - Spring	Q16 - Summer
<i>Tuition model</i>	Advanced Rate (funding guaranteed)				Advanced Rate (funding guaranteed)			
<i>Registration</i>	TGS 500 and/or coursework	TGS 500 and/or coursework	TGS 500 and/or coursework	TGS 500 and/or coursework	TGS 500 in addition to non-required coursework			
<i>Milestones to be achieved</i>	Coursework towards program requirements (if applicable). Students must complete all required courses (including incomplete grades/F grade make-up) and be admitted to candidacy (PhD Qualifying Exam) by the end of the twelfth quarter. Students who have completed their program requirements will register for TGS 500 in addition to any non-required (extra) coursework. Students who have not completed their program requirements will register for courses as determined by their program.				Students must complete their Prospectus (proposal of dissertation topic) before the end of the sixteenth quarter.			
<i>Forms to be completed</i>	PhD Qualifying Exam form (submitted by department. No student entry)				PhD Prospectus form (submitted by student via TGS Forms in CAESAR ; approved online by department)			

	Year Five				Years Six through Nine			
	Q17 - Fall	Q18 - Winter	Q19 - Spring	Q20 - Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
<i>Tuition model</i>	Advanced Rate (funding guaranteed)				Advanced Rate or Continuous Registration			
<i>Registration</i>	TGS 500 in addition to non-required coursework				TGS 500 if receiving funding; TGS 512 if unfunded			
<i>Milestones to be achieved</i>					Degree deadline - students have 9 years from matriculation to complete the PhD degree. Only rarely under extenuating circumstances will students be granted permission to continue beyond 9 years.			
<i>Forms to be completed</i>	Students who are completing their degree will complete the following forms: (1) Application for Degree via TGS Forms in CAESAR; (2) Final Exam Form via TGS Forms in CAESAR which will be approved by the department (3) NRC Survey of Earned Doctorates; (4) Online submission of dissertation via UMI ProQuest							

* Those who do not complete in 9 years must enroll in TGS 513 (if not funded) or TGS 500 (if receiving funding or unfunded international student) for the remaining quarters and pay tuition accordingly.