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The Ph.D. Program Overview

The Ohio State Sociology graduate program is a Ph.D. program. We do not offer a terminal master’s degree; however, interested students may earn a master’s degree en route to their doctorate. All students follow the same program of study regardless of degrees held upon entering the program.

Program Timeline and Overview

Below is a sample timeline for how students may move through the program. This timeline, milestones, and Program Requirements below are valuable tools for setting goals with your advisor(s).

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>5649 Introduction to Quantitative Research and Multiple Regression</td>
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Milestone

By the end of the year, begin developing the topic and identify an advisor for the second-year paper

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<th>Electives or independent studies or advanced methods or theory classes</th>
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<td>6710 Design and Analysis of Sociological research (second-year paper course)</td>
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<th>Second-year paper: to be defended by autumn of the third year or before.</th>
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<td>Milestone</td>
<td>Prepare second-year paper for publication, begin to identify topics and committee for candidacy exams.</td>
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<td>Complete any remaining required classes</td>
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<td>Prepare for candidacy exams.</td>
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<td>Take candidacy exams (by the end of the Spring semester of the fourth year)</td>
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<td>Begin identifying dissertation topic, dissertation committee</td>
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<td>Prepare and defend the dissertation proposal.</td>
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<td>Prepare for the job market.</td>
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