Path to Degree

Timeline

Year 1: Fall and Spring Semesters
Take Beginning Courses, Survey of Research Opportunities and Research Rotation Courses

Year 1: Spring Semester and Early Summer
Finding a Research Advisor via Research Rotation

End Year 1: Early June
Take Qualifying Exam / 1st Exam

End Year 1: Early Summer
Final Selection of Research Advisor

End Year 1: Summer
Preliminary Research with Advisor (Optional)

Year 2:
Take Advanced Courses at Graduate Center, Consortium Colleges
Start Research at Advisor’s Home College

Years 3 and 4
Continue with Advanced Courses
Continue with Research at Advisor’s Home College
Take 2nd Exam (Proposed Research)

Year 5
Defense of Dissertation