

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Exam (Proposed Research)

**Year 5**

Defense of Dissertation