# Wayne State University Philosophy Department Graduate Student Handbook

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For All Graduate Students

All graduate students in Philosophy, whether in the M.A. or Ph.D. program, are responsible for knowing the rules and policies of the Department, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Graduate School as outlined in these pages and in the current edition of the Graduate Bulletin of Wayne State University.

The force of “must” in what follows is this: If a student fails to do what these rules say he or she must do, that student will be dropped from the program.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Each graduate student, whether in the M.A. or Ph.D. program, must maintain at least a B average (i.e., at least 3.0) to be kept in the graduate program. Students who fall below that average are placed on probation; and if their GPA is not raised within a semester such students will not be allowed to register for any classes.

Failing to maintain a 3.0 is also ground for losing fellowships and teaching assistantships.

Note that while a B equals 3.0, a B-minus equals but 2.67 so B-minuses can put a student on probation. While the department’s requirements for satisfying an area (e.g. Elementary Logic) allow a B-minus to count, the student should keep in mind that this grade is below minimum GPA.

Elementary Logic

Every student, whether admitted to the M.A. or Ph.D. program in Philosophy to begin study September 1988 or later, must fulfill the Elementary Logic Requirement before the third semester of graduate study. A student who does not fulfill the requirement within twelve (12) months after beginning the graduate program will be dropped from the graduate program in philosophy. There are two ways to fulfill the requirement.

Course. A student may fulfill the elementary logic requirement by passing PHI 5050, Advanced Symbolic Logic, with a grade of B-minus or better. PHI 5050 is offered once each year, typically in the Winter Term.

Exam. A student may fulfill the elementary logic requirement by passing the elementary logic exam. The exam is offered in December, April, and August, but only if it is known that there are students who wish to take the exam. It is best, then, to request an elementary logic exam within the first three weeks of the term.
Credits Towards the M.A. and Ph.D.

Graduate course credits that were earned while in the M.A. program may be applied towards the Ph.D. degree, should the student later be admitted to the Doctoral program. Similarly, course credits earned for the Ph.D. degree may be applied towards the M.A. degree—for example, when a graduate student applies for a Plan C Masters.

However, the same credits may not earn the same degree twice. For example, credits that earned one M.A. (at Wayne State or any other university) may not be applied towards another M.A. at Wayne State University.

Transfer Credits

Students may petition the Department to transfer graduate credits earned at another institution. This petition may be granted by the Department in full or in part or not at all. The petition ought to describe for each course requested for transfer:

- College/university where course was taken
- Course name and number
- Credits earned for each course, and whether semester credits or something else
- Grade in the course
- Instructor’s name
- What program (e.g. the M.A. program) the student was enrolled in when course was taken
- A brief description of the course content and books used
- An explanation of any peculiarities: e.g. if non-letter grades were assigned, what do these mean?

Wayne State University has established a minimum number of credits that must be earned “in residence,” i.e. must be Wayne State credits.

- The M.A. 24 course credits must be earned in residence.
- The Ph.D. 30 course credits must be earned in residence.

Course credits are other than graduate research credits (PHI 7999, 8999, or 999x). Thus no more than 8 credits may be transferred for a Master’s and no more than 30 credits may be transferred for the Ph.D. The Philosophy Department approves all transfer credits, and may at its discretion permit fewer transfer credits than a student requests.

If the Department has approved transfer credits, these are submitted along with the student’s Plan of Work.
Fellowships and Scholarships

The various awards for graduate students are described at:
http://www.gradschool.wayne.edu/Current/finaid.asp

Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAships)

These awards provide a stipend, assistance for 6-10 credits of graduate tuition per term, and subsidized health insurance coverage. As a GTA, the student spends about 20 hours per week in teaching or related duties. Information concerning all of these awards may be obtained by writing directly to the admissions officer of the philosophy department.

There is a union for GTAs: the Graduate Employees Organizing Committee, associated with the Michigan Federation of Teachers: GEOC/MFT.

GTAs generally begin by assisting with PHI 1010, 1030, or 1050. They must attend lectures, hold discussion sections and office hours, and grade tests and papers. Sometimes advanced TAs will be given their own course to teach.

On September 30, 1997 the Department adopted the following policy on Graduate Teaching Assistantships:

No GTA can expect to hold his/her GTAship for more than four years. Generally, a GTA can expect to hold a GTAship for four years. However, a graduate student should not presume that appointment to a GTAship is a guarantee of four years of GTA support. At the end of each year of service, each GTA will be reviewed for the purpose of deciding whether his/her GTAship will be renewed. Renewal is conditional upon satisfactory performance as a teacher, satisfactory performance as a graduate student, and satisfactory performance towards his/her degree.

The Department also authorized the following factors for assessing performance:

Performance as a teacher
1. Student evaluations of teaching (SETs) will be examined. Low scores (below 5.0) are indications of unsatisfactory performance.
2. Where possible, two faculty whom the student had assisted will be asked for brief written assessments of the student’s work as a GTA. In particular, indications that a GTA has been remiss in holding office hours, meeting discussion sections, or grading exams promptly and accurately will be looked on as indications of unsatisfactory performance.

Performance as a graduate student and progress towards the degree
1. Unofficial transcripts will be examined. GPA below 3.0 is a serious indication of unsatisfactory performance.
2. Progress in the doctoral program will be examined. Students who have not met departmental time criteria (e.g. for completing area requirements or for submitting a passing prospectus) will be considered as making unsatisfactory progress towards the doctorate.

Other Financial Aid Possibilities

**Part-Time Teaching.** Competent graduate students may be hired to teach courses either on campus or at an extension center. No tuition or fee waivers included. Consult chairperson.

**Loans.** Inquiries about loans or other financial support should be directed to the Scholarship and Financial Aids Office, 222 Administrative Services Building.

Colloquia

Papers are often given by members of Wayne’s Philosophy Department or by guest speakers, usually on Thursdays at 4 p.m. Watch mailboxes and bulletin boards for announcements. Contemporary philosophy is largely disseminated through papers. **Thus the Philosophy Department considers attendance at colloquia to be as vital a part of graduate study as course work and research, and so every effort should be made by each graduate student to attend.**
THE M.A. DEGREE

Preface

The M.A. in Philosophy is administered through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). Forms and other information are found at http://www.clas.wayne.edu/current-students.asp.

The Three Plans

Plan A. Fewer courses and a longer thesis than Plan B. The student pursues Plan A with a Master’s Thesis which is like a small Ph.D. dissertation: about 60–120 pages defending an original thesis. The Thesis must be approved by a committee of three (the student’s principal advisor and two additional faculty members); and the student must pass an oral exam defending the Thesis administered by that committee of three.

Plan B. More courses and a shorter essay than Plan A. Plan B requires a Master’s Essay which is shorter (about 30–60 pages) and can be considered to be rather like a long term paper done for a graduate seminar. In the end, each plan arrives at the same degree: an M.A. The Essay must be approved by at least two faculty members: the student’s principal advisor and a second reader. (A third reader may be invited by the advisor.)

Whether a student pursues the M.A. via Plan A or Plan B is in part up to him; but he must get approval of a regular full-time member of the Philosophy faculty who agrees to serve as his principal advisor. It should be recognized that faculty serve as advisors (or not) at their discretion; that a faculty member may refuse to be advisor to a Thesis (though he might agree to advise an Essay); and that a faculty member may refuse to advise a Thesis or Essay on a certain topic.

The Plan C Master’s is an option only for students in the Ph.D. program. It is intended to acknowledge a student’s accomplishments in completing requirements for Ph.D. candidacy and to enhance the student’s job and salary prospects before completion of the dissertation.

See the chart following for more specifics:
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<td><strong>8 credits of PHI 8999</strong>&lt;br&gt;Thesis Research.</td>
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<td>A <strong>Thesis</strong>, approved by a three person committee, and defended in an oral exam.</td>
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**Thesis and Essay Format**

Theses and essays (at least for final copies) must be typed (or printed in good quality computer printing), double-spaced. See Kate Turabian’s *Manual for Writers of Term Papers and Theses* on how to handle scholarly apparatus. The College of Liberal Arts Graduate Office has a booklet on thesis format.

Information on the Plan A Masters Thesis can be found at: [http://www.gradschool.wayne.edu/current/masterinformation.html](http://www.gradschool.wayne.edu/current/masterinformation.html)


It is the responsibility of the student to make sure his or her committee gets copies; and the student should make sure that there is a copy of the final approved version for the department library.
Plan of Work

A Plan of Work, available through the Liberal Arts Graduate Office, and on the web http://www.cla.wayne.edu/MAplan.pdf is a document on which the student lists the courses he or she has taken or will take towards the M.A. degree (including PHI 7999 or 8999). Transfer credits, if any, are listed on the Plan of Work, which is submitted along with another form “Transfer Credits.” The Plan of Work also indicates which plan (A, B, or C) the student will pursue.

The Liberal Arts Graduate Office recommends that a student in the Master’s program file a Plan of Work after 12 graduate credits have been earned. In any event, a Plan of Work must be filed before the student can have a Thesis or Essay approved.

Students in the doctoral program who fulfill the requirements for a Plan C Master’s file a Plan of Work with the Liberal Arts Graduate Office, indicating that they wish to pursue a Plan C Master’s.

Graduation

In order to receive the M.A. degree in term T the student must “apply for graduation” near the beginning of T. Applying for graduation asserts that the student expects to complete all requirements for the M.A. by the deadline established by the graduate office during term T (usually about six weeks into the term). If a student fails to complete all requirements during term T, he/she must reapply for graduation in the following term (or whenever the student actually expects to finish).

Time Limits

Any student in any Master’s program at WSU has a six-year time limit beginning with the end of the first semester of his or her first graduate course in the program. More simply, it means that every student has six and one-half years to finish all requirements for the Master’s degree. No “part-time” status is recognized. Thus, a student’s clock keeps running even if that student is not taking courses towards the degree.
THE PH.D. DEGREE

Overview

In order to complete the degree of doctor of philosophy in philosophy, the student must do the following, each of which is described in further detail following:

• Earn 60 course credits distributed according to requirements below.
• Pass all logic requirements (elementary, advanced logic I and II)
• Pass all course work area requirements (history, value theory, metaphysics-epistemology)
• Pass all Preliminary Essays.
• Submit an acceptable dissertation proposal and pass an oral exam on it
• Complete the foreign language requirement
• Four consecutive semesters of Candidate Status (PHI 9991, 9992, 9993, 9994), each of which is worth 7.5 credits.
• Write an acceptable dissertation and pass a public lecture/defense of it.

Grandfather Clause

1. Students who began Fall 2008 through Winter 2010, and only they, have the option of completing their degree under the requirements in force when they entered the program or switching to the new requirements.

2. If a student switches to the new requirements:
   (a) Any passed preliminary examination = 1 preliminary essay
   (b) No coursing out of prelim essays (including retroactive coursing out) is allowed

3. All students admitted beginning Fall 2010 must follow the new requirements.

Credits

Every student needs a minimum of **90 graduate credits** to earn a Ph.D. More specifically:
• A minimum of 30 course credits at the 7000 level.
• 30 additional graduate course credits (courses numbered 5000 and above).
• The 60 course credits must include at least one minor composed of at least six credits elected outside the major department (see below).
• 30 credits earned in four consecutive Candidate Status semesters (PHI 9991, 9992, 9993, 9994) after candidacy has been approved. Each semester will be billed at a rate of 7.5 graduate credits.

The Minor

The Ph.D. degree in Philosophy requires at least 6 credits, which are to be graduate courses (5000 level and above) taken in a department other than Philosophy and preferably related to the student’s dissertation interests. These credits are not in addition to those listed above, but are included in them. No more than 3 minor courses will be allowed to count towards the Ph.D. in Philosophy.

Annual Review

The Graduate School mandates that each doctoral student receive an annual written review basically describing what the student has done and what the student has yet to do.

This review must be reviewed by the student who can offer corrections. The student must sign the annual review.

Logic Requirements

There are three parts to the graduate logic requirements: Elementary Logic, Advanced Logic I, and Advanced Logic II.

1. **Elementary Logic.** This is described in the first section, *The Graduate Program*. All Ph.D. students must pass the elementary logic requirement by the end of their first year of graduate study or be dropped from the graduate program.

2. **Advanced Logic I.** Must be satisfied by the end of the student’s fourth year of graduate study. The Advanced Logic I requirement may be satisfied by passing PHI 5350 Logical Systems I with a grade of B-minus or better or by exam.

The Advanced Logic I Exam will be administered twice a year, near the end of each semester, but only if a students requests that exam. (See Notification Requirements below.)
The Philosophy Department has prepared a stock of questions, included in an appendix from which particular Advanced Logic I exams will be drawn. The questions cover such topics as: acquaintance with and ability to use metatheorems sufficient to yield proofs of consistency, completeness, independence of axioms and deduction theorems in propositional logic, and to outline such proofs in predicate logic; intuitive set theory, including the concepts of union, intersection, complement, ordered pair, function, and relation; familiarity with Russell’s paradox and other paradoxes of set theory, and the major methods extant for dealing with them; Church’s Thesis and Church’s Theorem on the undecidability of the first-order predicate calculus; Gödel’s incompleteness theorem; and Cantor’s theorem.

3. **Advanced Logic II.** The student, by the end of the fourth year of graduate study, must take one further course other than PHI 5350 (Logical Systems I) that is substantially formal and rigorous, and pass it with a grade of B-minus or better. Successful completion of either PHI 5200 (Modal Logic) or PHI 5390 (Logical Systems II) will automatically satisfy the Advanced Logic II requirement.

Another course and not necessarily one given by the Philosophy Department (e.g., Philosophy of Science, Axiomatic Set Theory, Formal Linguistics, Game Theory, Philosophy of Logic), completed with a grade of B-minus or better, will satisfy Advanced Logic II if it is sufficiently formal and rigorous, and if it is approved as fulfilling Advanced Logic II by the Department before the course is taken. Students should therefore petition the department before taking anything other than PHI 5200 or 5390 if the course is to satisfy this requirement.

**History, Value Theory, M&E**

In order to test knowledge of the core areas of philosophy and to assess whether a student can write a competent doctoral dissertation in philosophy, the department insists that all doctoral students take a certain number of courses in these three areas:

1. History of Philosophy
2. Value Theory
3. Metaphysics and Epistemology (M&E)

Students must take at least three (3) graduate-level courses in M&E. Students must also take at least two History courses, one of which must be in Ancient Philosophy and the other in Modern Philosophy. Students must also take at least two Value Theory courses, one of which must be in Ethics. Finally, students must take one further graduate-level course in either History or Value Theory.

A course may not “count double”; e.g., a course on Aristotle’s metaphysics will not count as both M&E and History.
Preliminary Essays

The Graduate School requires that each Ph.D student complete three Preliminary Exams. In the Philosophy Department, these take the form of three essays. Prelim Essays receive one of three grades: Pass, Fail, or Rewrite, and are evaluated by a committee of three faculty members, one of whom is the chair. A passing Prelim Essay must be a genuine research paper of a quality commensurate with the student’s progress through the program. Failing a Prelim Essay means that the student is dropped from the Ph.D program. A grade of Rewrite means that although the Essay did not pass outright, the committee thinks that it can be improved to a Passing state. A student who receives this grade must revise the Essay. Submission and revision of Prelim Essays must be in accord with the following schedule:

The first Prelim Essay must be submitted by the end of the second term of the student’s second year of enrollment in the Ph.D. program; the second Prelim Essay must be submitted by the end of the second term of the student’s third year; and the third Prelim Essay must be submitted by the end of the second term of the student’s fourth year. If revisions are required, the revisions must be finished and passed by the end of the term after the term in which the Essay was first submitted, including Spring/Summer terms. Thus if an Essay was submitted in the Fall term, the revision must be passed by the end of the following Winter term, and if first submitted in the Winter term, the revision must be passed by the end of the following Spring/Summer term.

For students who first registered in the Ph.D. program in the Winter term of an academic year, the Spring/Summer term will be considered the “second term” of any given year of the student’s program of study. So such students must submit their Prelim Papers by the end of the Spring/Summer term of the relevant year, and have revisions passed by the end of the term following the term of submission.

Students are allowed to submit an Essay earlier than the term or the year by the end of which they are required to have submitted that Essay, though it’s inadvisable for them to submit two Essays in the same term. In fact, students should make an effort to submit their Prelim Essays as early as possible, and should try to avoid waiting until the end of the second term of the relevant year (second, third, or fourth) to submit their Essays. Students should do their best to ensure that any Essay they submit is of sufficient quality to receive a grade of Pass. Before submission of an Essay, they should discuss and receive advice regarding drafts of papers they intend to submit from the faculty member whom they intend to ask to chair the committee for that Essay.

Prelim Essays are permitted, but by no means required, to be revisions of or improvements on a prior, excellent term paper.

Students may not substitute course work in place of a Prelim Essay.
Students must pass Prelim Essays in at least two of these areas: History, M&E, Value Theory, and Logic.

The student should find a faculty member willing to read a Prelim Essay on the student’s proposed topic and serve as Chair of the grading committee. That faculty member should then organize a committee of two other readers. If the student cannot find a faculty member willing to read an essay on the student’s proposed topic, the student should pick another topic.

**Time and Notification Requirements**

A student must pass the first Preliminary Essay by the beginning of his or her third year or be dropped from the doctoral program.

The following timetable shows the *latest possible times* by which a student must have *submitted*, and *passed* each Prelim Essay:

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<td>Second Prelim Essay</td>
<td>End of 2nd term, yr 3</td>
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<td>Third Prelim Essay</td>
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These dates represent the *last chances* to submit and to pass Prelim Essays. The wise student will attempt to complete these earlier than the above deadlines.

The exact day for the submission of the prelim essay will be established by the committee organized to read that particular essay, though the submission day should not deviate too much from the “beginning”, “end” or “middle” of the year.

**Plan of Work**

A Plan of Work is a form listing all courses past, present, and future that a student will submit for the Ph.D. degree. A Plan of work should be submitted when 40 graduate credits are earned. (Since there would be some “predicting” of courses to be taken, a Plan of Work can be amended after submission.) Any transfer credits approved by the Department accompany a Plan of Work (on a Transfer of Credits form). A Plan of Work must be approved both by the Philosophy Department and by the Graduate School. Plans of Work, including a Transfer of Credits form, may be filled out on a computer with web access:

http://www.gradschool.wayne.edu/Current/onlineforms.asp
Ph.D. Applicants and PHI 9990

A student in the doctoral program is initially an “applicant”. Ph.D. Applicants without any PHI 9999 credits who wish to register for pre-Doctoral Candidate research will not be permitted to register for 9999 credits. Instead they will register for PHI 9990. Registration of up to 12 credits will be permitted in 9990. This course will not substitute for any of the Candidate Status (9991-4) registrations.

Ph.D. Candidate

A Ph.D. applicant will be advanced to the rank of Ph.D. Candidate by the Graduate School upon the recommendation of the department and completion of the following requirements:

1. Approval of the Plan of Work by the Graduate School
2. Completion of at least fifty credits of course work, as required by the Plan of Work
3. Satisfactory completion of the course distribution areas of Value Theory, History of Philosophy, Metaphysics/Epistemology; satisfactory completion of all Logic requirements (Elementary, Advanced Logic I and II)
4. Passing all three Preliminary Essays
5. Identification of the membership of the student’s dissertation advisory committee. (The Advisory Committee membership may be changed prior to submission of an approved prospectus without notification of the Graduate School).

Once the student has been advanced to candidacy, he or she begins the PHI 9991-4 four semester sequence. A student is considered withdrawn from the Ph.D. program if he or she fails to register for any of the required four consecutive semesters beginning with the term following the advancement to Ph.D. Candidate.

Candidate Maintenance Status (PHI 9995) will be available to Candidates following enrollment in the four semesters of Candidate Status if they have not completed their dissertation and defense and if they are using University resources (e.g. the library) during a semester. Fee for Maintenance status will be the registration fee plus the omnibus fee for one credit hour.

Dissertation Advisory Committee

The Dissertation Committee shall consist of minimally of three major departmental members plus one extra-departmental member. The expertise of the extra-departmental member must be appropriate to the student’s dissertation work. At least two committee members, including the dissertation director, must hold regular Graduate Faculty appointments.
Dissertation Prospectus and Oral Exam

A doctoral student must complete an oral exam. In the Philosophy Department, the oral exam is given on the student’s dissertation prospectus by the student’s dissertation committee.

The student is reminded that the Graduate School requires that a Plan of Work be submitted before taking the written and oral qualifying examination.

The dissertation prospectus should be a general description of the problem to be investigated in the dissertation, along with a proposed solution. It must include a bibliography that takes into account the relevant literature on the problem. As a rule of thumb, the Prospectus should be roughly 10–20 double-spaced, typewritten pages in length, excluding the bibliography.

Some dissertation advisors may require more: a chapter of the dissertation in addition to the prospectus, for example.

The dissertation proposal can be rejected by the student’s dissertation committee. No oral exam will be administered until the committee is satisfied with the proposal.

When the oral exam has been passed, the student must submit the Prospectus along with a Prospectus Form to the Graduate School. This form can be found at the usual place: http://www.gradschool.wayne.edu/Current/onlineforms.asp

This form, once approved by the Graduate School, establishes the student’s dissertation topic and committee. Any future changes in the committee must receive graduate school approval.

Doctoral Dissertation

The doctoral dissertation in Philosophy should be an original piece of work. The Department expects the dissertation to conform to high standards of clarity and argumentation. The Graduate School expects the dissertation to have a precise format: www.gradschool.wayne.edu/Current/Phd/dissertationTemplates.html

Foreign Language

A grad student in the Ph.D. program is expected to acquire competency in a foreign language if and only if his or her dissertation advisor requires it.
If required, competence in the foreign language must be satisfied before the student will be permitted to take on the Public Lecture/Defense of his or her dissertation.

The Foreign Language Requirement may be met by proving competence in an foreign language by any one of the following means:

1. Satisfactory performance on an ETS examination in the language. The passing scores are 480 in French and 450 in German. Such an examination must be passed no more than seven years prior to the student's request to be certified as having met this requirement.

2. Satisfactorily completing two years of college course work in the foreign language in question. The date of the student's credit for the last of that work may not be more than seven years prior to the student's request to be certified as having met this requirement. **Students who believe they have met this condition should inform the graduate advisor immediately.**

3. Special examination in the foreign language in question, administered by the faculty of the Philosophy Department or its delegated representative.

The Philosophy Department reserves the right to require additional work in foreign language if such work is deemed relevant to the student's dissertation.

**Public Dissertation Lecture/Defense**

Students must be registered for the semester in which they defend the dissertation.

Before a Public Dissertation Lecture/Defense is scheduled, the student’s committee should have read and approved the dissertation. Approval is indicated by signing the title page of the dissertation.

The Public Dissertation Lecture/Defense is all that the name asserts: a public procedure in which the student gives a short lecture (10–20 minutes—the student’s advisor can stipulate the time-limit) on the dissertation project, after which the student’s dissertation committee questions the student. Audience members may be invited to comment or ask questions. Students pass or fail the lecture/defense. The student’s committee may also require minor revisions in the dissertation after the examination. The committee member from outside the department shall chair the lecture/defense.

Two final signed copies of the dissertation are to be submitted to the Graduate School within ten calendar days after the Dissertation Public Lecture Presentation-Defense. The Ph.D. degree will be certified only upon receipt of these two copies and the reconciliation of the student’s Plan of Work and transcripts.
Timetable for completion of Ph.D. requirements

The Graduate School stipulates that students have **seven and one-half years** to complete all requirements. All Ph.D. students fall under this stricture. The Graduate School does not recognize a “part-time” status in the sense that students who choose not to take courses for some period of time still come under the seven and one-half year time limit. With this requirement in mind, the Philosophy Department has developed the following time schedule which every Ph.D. student **must** adhere to.

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| Fifth year                        | • Completed all course work elected to fulfill area requirements  
|                                  | • Satisfied Advanced Logic I and II  
|                                  | • Passed all three Preliminary Essays. |
| 2nd semester of sixth year        | Submitted the Dissertation Prospectus |
| By the end of….                  | The student must have…. |
| Sixth year                        | Passed the Dissertation Prospectus |
| Seven and one-half years          | • Satisfied any foreign language requirement  
|                                  | • Completed four semesters of Candidate Status  
|                                  | • Written an acceptable dissertation  
|                                  | • Passed the public dissertation defense |