

Progress through Purdue's Ph.D. Program in Philosophy

Phase One: Coursework (Student, Teaching Assistant)

First Year

- Fall: Form Advisory Committee; discuss with Director of Graduate Studies if need be (end of semester).
 Spring: Form and meet with Advisory Committee, file Area Requirements Plan (by end of February).

Second Year

- Fall: Complete Area Requirements Plan form with your Advisory Committee, revise if needed. File official PhD Plan of Study with the Graduate School after deciding on Spring courses. (Wait until Spring for this if you need courses in your third year.)
 Spring: Meet with Advisory Committee in January or early February to discuss your progress. Satisfy two Area Requirements (this is *required* to remain in Program). Satisfy Language Requirement or Other Tools of Research Requirement (this is *required* to advance to PhD candidacy and is *recommended* it be done this year).
 Summer: Study for, take, and pass an Area Examination, given the week before classes begin in August (also available in January at beginning of spring semester)

Phase Two: Prospectus (Student>Researcher Transition, Teaching Assistant>Instructor Transition)

Third Year

- Fall: Complete all Area Requirements (this is *required* by the end of third year to remain in the Program, and it is *recommended* that you do it this semester if you haven't already). Form Dissertation Prospectus Committee and write a draft of a Prospectus.
 Spring: All Area Requirements *must* all be completed by the end of this year. Defend Dissertation Prospectus ("Preliminary Examination"); defense *must* occur by end of fourth year but is *recommended* this year.
 Summer: Complete drafts of multiple dissertation chapters.

Phase Three: Dissertation and Job Search (Researcher, Instructor, Applicant)

Fourth Year

- Fall: Continue working on dissertation: draft more chapters, revise in light of feedback. Be submitting papers to conferences and journals. Consider getting one of the teaching certificates offered by Purdue's CIE.
 Spring: Continue working on dissertation: draft more chapters, revise in light of feedback. Be submitting papers to conferences and journals.
 - Keep an eye out for Purdue dissertation grant applications put out in the spring semester; be ready to apply. They are highly competitive, however, so do not plan around having one.
 - Keep an eye out for an end of semester meeting with the DGS / Placement Director about the job market the next fall to talk about things to do to prepare over the summer

Fifth Year

- Fall: Continue working on dissertation: be revising and finalizing chapter. Continue submitting papers to conferences and journals. Attend the job market meeting early in the semester with the DGS / Placement Director. Talk to your committee about planning a final public oral in the spring; most of the job search process will take place in the fall and early spring, and it is very time-consuming. Be attentive to deadlines.
 Spring: Complete and defend your dissertation. Be aware of deposit deadlines, spring and summer. Remember not to expect any financial support past your fifth year of graduate study even if you had it earlier.
 - Keep an eye out for Purdue dissertation grant applications in the spring semester recently; be ready to apply. They are highly competitive, however, so do not plan around having one.
 - Keep an eye out for an end of semester meeting with the DGS / Placement Director about the job market the next fall to talk about things to do to prepare over the summer