

Doctoral Degree

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| Activity | Ph.D. Degree | Forms |
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| Advisory Committee formed by: | End of 2 nd semester | No form, the advisory committee is formalized on the Plan of Study |
| Plan of Study form to Graduate School by: | End of 3 rd semester | Plan of Study |
| Minimum content course credits | 30 (excluding related area/ foreign language credits) | Plan of Study |
| Minimum research credits | 15 credits of GRAD 6950 | Plan of Study |
| Course requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Core courses MARN 5010, 5036, 5050, & 5065; one Friday seminar class (MARN 5501); - 6 credits of related area/ foreign language classes | |
| Transfer credits (specific restrictions apply and committee consent needed) | Up to 30 credits | |
| Thesis (Plan A)/non-thesis (Plan B) | Thesis only | |
| Annual Student report due: | January every year | File will be emailed annually |
| Professional Development Program | IDP discussed with advisor by end of 1st year | Guide to Creating Your IDP |
| Vertebrate use in research | Approval required | |
| Written comprehensive exams (General Exam Part A) | End of 4 th semester | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Exam - Sample questions and information |
| Oral comprehensive exams done (General Exam Part B) | As decided by the student's committee | General Exam |
| Written dissertation proposal done by: | Within 3 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dissertation Proposal - Dissertation proposal steps - Dissertation proposal form for reviewers |
| Dissertation proposal defense completed by: | With dissertation proposal submission | Dissertation Proposal |
| Oral presentation of dissertation (public defense) | Yes | Final Exam |
| Dissertation defense examination (with advisory committee) | Yes | Final Exam |
| Time limit: | 8 years | Ph.D. information and checklist |