

Doctoral Degree

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Activity	Ph.D. Degree	Forms
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