

GUIDE TO MAINTAINING PROGRESS TOWARDS A Ph.D.
Department of Political Science

- First Year Expectations for Progress
 - Fall Semester Courses
 - POLS 510
 - POLS 512
 - Graduate Core Seminar
 - Spring Semester Courses
 - POLS 511
 - POLS 513
 - Graduate Seminar in major field
 - First Year to do
 - Determine advisor, get advisor's consent, and, in writing, notify the DGS
- Second Year Expectations for Progress
 - Fall Semester Courses
 - Graduate Seminar in major field
 - Graduate Seminar in minor field/CFC
 - Graduate Seminar in minor field/CFC
 - Spring Semester Courses
 - Graduate Seminar in minor field/CFC
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- Third Year Expectations for Progress
 - Fall Semester Courses
 - Graduate Seminar in minor field/CFC
 - Graduate Seminar
 - Graduate Seminar 600-Level
 - Spring Semester Courses
 - Graduate Seminar 600-Level
 - 6 Dissertation Hours (600)
 - Third Year to do
 - Schedule PhD Qualifying Exams (exam cannot be taken with incompletes)
 - Complete PhD primary field exam
 - Complete CFC exam/literature review
 - Select PhD dissertation committee, and, in writing, notify the DGS of the Committee Chair
 - (Defend Dissertation Prospectus)
- Fourth/Fifth Year(s) Expectations for Progress
 - Fourth/Fifth Year to do
 - Complete Dissertation Hours (600)
 - Field work as necessary
 - Schedule Graduation
 - Submit Admission to Candidacy Form
 - Submit Graduate Application
 - Complete Dissertation
 - Schedule Dissertation Defense
 - Defend Dissertation