

PHD Degree Timeline – September Start Date

Year	Action
One	By May 1 st - 1 st Annual Report By June 30 th – PHD Comprehensive Exam Part 1 – report due or exam done by this date
Two	By May 1 st – 2 nd Annual Report By June 30 th - PHD Comprehensive Report Part 2 – report due or exam done by this date
Three	By May 1 st – 3 rd Annual Report
Four	By May 1 st – 4 th Annual Report By August 31 st – Thesis Defence
NOTE: If taking more than 4 years to complete PHD Program, then must submit Annual Report on May 1st of each year until the PHD Program is completed.	

Example:

Sept. 1, 2019 start date (Sept. 1, 2019 to August 31, 2023)

Year One – Sept. 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020

May 1st, 2020 – 1st Annual Report

June 30th, 2020 – PHD Comp Part 1

Year Two – Sept. 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021

May 1st, 2021 – 2nd Annual Report

June 30th, 2021 – PHD Comp Part 2

Year Three – Sept. 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022

May 1, 2022 – 3rd Annual report

Year Four – Sept. 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023

May 1, 2023 – 4th Annual report

August 31st, 2023 – PHD Thesis Defence