

# Time-Line

Each PhD student and her/his advisor develop a detailed Doctoral Plan of Work and a suitable time-line toward graduation. Here is a generic guideline to follow.

- **1<sup>st</sup> semester:** 9 or 8
  - academic advisor selection (beginning of semester),
  - Doctoral seminar (2 cr.hs),
  - 1-2 classes (3 or 6 cr.hs),
  - some research hours (1-3 cr.hs),
  - Prelim exam.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> semester:** 9
  - 2 classes (6 cr.hs),
  - some research hours (2-3 cr.hs),
  - Prelim exam (if not passed earlier),
  - research advisor selection (by end of semester or earlier),
  - Doctoral Plan of Work.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> semester:** 9
  - 2 classes (6 cr.hs),
  - research with dissertation advisor (3 cr.hs).
- **4<sup>th</sup> semester:** 8 or 9
  - Doctoral seminar (1 cr.h),
  - a class (3 cr.hs), if necessary,
  - research with dissertation advisor (5-7 cr.hs),
  - candidacy exam (by end of semester or earlier).
- **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> semesters:** 30
  - Dissertation I and Dissertation Prospectus Defense
- **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> semesters:** more
  - Dissertation II and **Dissertation Defense**

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or  
 $2 + 3 + 3$

$2 \times 3 + 3$

$2 \times 3 + 3$

$1 + 7$   
or  
 $1 + 3 + 5$

$15 + 15$

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