


PENN/GSE PhD TIMELINE

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1. **Coursework** – Upon completion, Planned Program of Study submitted to SRO
 2. **Qualifications Evaluation** – Review or exam, usually after coursework completed, but no later than end of 2 years. Previously, this was called Program Candidacy. Upon completion, submission of Ballot to SRO.
 3. **Candidacy Examination** – Usually referred to as the Preliminary or Comprehensive Exam. Successful passage bestows Doctoral Candidacy. Upon completion, submission of Exam Results to SRO.
 4. **Appointment of Dissertation Committee**
 5. **Oral Hearing of Dissertation Proposal** – Submission of Hearing Notification Form prior to Hearing. Upon completion of Hearing, submission of Committee Ballot for Dissertation Proposal to SRO.
 6. **Final Dissertation Defense** – Upon completion, submission of Committee Ballot for Dissertation Defense and Form 152. Later, formatted Dissertation and Form 153 submitted to SAS/College Hall.