

PENN/GSE PhD TIMELINE:

Education Policy

- 1. Coursework** – Sixteen courses required, in accordance with EP Ph.D. Planned Program of Study (PPS).
Recommendation is to complete coursework during first two years.
Upon completion of coursework, EP submits signed PPS to SRO.
- 2. Qualifications Evaluation** – Review or exam, conducted after the completion of 6 but not more than 8 CUs. This is also referred to as Program Candidacy.
This is completed through the submission and subsequent review by faculty of doctoral students' annual self-evaluation, at the end of the first year.
Upon approval by the faculty, EP submits a ballot to SRO.
- 3. Candidacy Examination** – Usually referred to as the Preliminary or Comprehensive exam. Successful passage bestows Doctoral Candidacy.
Recommendation is to complete during the first year after coursework is completed.
Upon completion, EP submits a ballot indicating exam results to SRO.
- 4. Appointment of Dissertation Committee** – Completed by student via online form at same time as oral hearing of proposal is scheduled.
- 5. Oral Hearing of Dissertation Proposal** – Student submits Hearing Notification Form (online) prior to Hearing.
Recommendation is to complete in second semester of year 3 or the first semester of year 4.
Upon completion of Oral Hearing, student submits Committee Ballot for Dissertation Proposal to SRO.
- 6. Final Dissertation Defense** – Submission of Final Defense Notification form (online) prior to Defense.
Recommendation is to complete in second semester of year 4 (final semester of funding).
Upon completion, student submits Committee Ballot for Dissertation Defense and Form 152 to SRO. Later, student submits formatted Dissertation and Form 153 to SAS/College Hall.

Standard
timeline:
4 years

Maximum
time to
degree:
10 years