RECOMMENDED TIMELINE

FIRST YEAR:

REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

- Suggested completion of a minimum of 3 graded electives (9 graded credits minimum)
- Plan out coursework for the Ph.D. Training Plan

EXPECTATIONS:

- Identify MA Advisor
- Develop MA Topic
- Explore collaborative research projects

SECOND YEAR:

REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

- Additional Sociology Coursework:
  - Finish required Sociology graded Electives as needed
  - Ph.D. Training Plan coursework completion
  - Suggested to take the teaching practicum, currently GRDSCH 515 Higher Education Teaching (usually in Winter) (preparation for departmental teaching qualification)
- Ph.D. Training Plan approved
- MA Thesis: Plan and complete required coursework (including 9 credits of SOC 700), writing, and research
- Complete MA / Advance to Ph.D. Program: Summer of year 2 or Autumn of year 3

EXPECTATIONS:

- Write MA Paper, defend if possible
- Join collaborative research project
- Take teaching practicum
- Investigate funding options

THIRD YEAR:

REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

- Fall: Complete MA / Advance to Ph.D. Program if not already completed
- Complete any remaining coursework
- Complete Ph.D. Training Plan
- Complete Comprehensive Exam by end of Winter
- Start SOC 800 credits, Dissertation Hours
- General Exam (Prospectus Defense) in Spring or Summer of year 3

EXPECTATIONS:

- Submit MA for publication
• Present MA at professional meeting
• Identify dissertation topic and advisor
• Continue research collaborations
• Complete Comprehensive Exam
• Complete General Exam (Prospectus Defense) if possible
• Apply for funding

FOURTH YEAR:

REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

• Autumn: General Exam (Prospectus Defense) if not already completed
• 30 credits of SOC 800, Dissertation Hours

EXPECTATIONS:

• Submit papers for publications
• Present at professional meetings
• Apply for funding
• Continue research collaborations

FIFTH YEAR AND BEYOND:

REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

• 30 SOC 800 Dissertation Hours credits
• Defend Dissertation

EXPECTATIONS:

• Apply for jobs
• Submit papers for publications
• Present at professional meetings
• Continue research collaborations

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