

English Ph.D. Roadmap

Below is a chart laying out curricular requirements and professional goals for each year of the program. This is an *ideal* schedule that will keep you on pace to finish within years guaranteed by funding, though it may be possible to obtain additional funded years (depending on funding levels). Especially when it comes to the professional goals, this is just one possible road map, and different students may fulfill requirements and proceed through stages at different paces.

Throughout the program, you should remain in constant contact with your advisor at all stages to draw on their wisdom and support. A good rule of thumb is to meet with your advisor and other committee members at least once per quarter.

Year 1 *Curricular Requirements/Goals*

Suggested professional goals

All Year Take 9 of required 15 department courses keeping historical breadth requirements in mind; 4 must be taken as seminars (substantial research paper) and the remainder can be pro-seminars (shorter paper/ exam/presentation).

Attend as many talks and conferences as you can-it's a form of professionalization!

Pass Language Exam.

Summer In consultation with your assigned MA advisor, select a paper you've written over the course of the year and revise it for your MA Review.

Year 2

All Year Take remaining 6 department courses; keep in mind historical breadth requirements.

Present at a grad student or regional conference

Fall In consultation with your MA advisor, schedule MA Review for fall.

Winter Determine your Qualifying Exam Committee (must have five members including one from outside the department) and begin putting together your exam reading lists.

Spring Hold your List Meeting with your Quals committee.

Summer Begin studying for Quals.

Year 3

Fall Schedule your Quals for winter quarter; put together a Quals study group if you can.

Winter Take the Qualifying Exam (Written and Orals).

Spring In consultation with your Dissertation Committee, begin writing your first piece of dissertation writing (prospectus, first chapter, introduction). Hold your Dissertation Planning Meeting with your committee to discuss the work you've done so far.

Year 4

Present at a conference

All Year Work on dissertation.

Work toward an article publication

Years 5+

All Year Work on dissertation. Remember that for the job market you will ideally have 3 solid 25-page pieces of writing: an article accepted or under review; a writing sample; a possible job talk. Take the department Publication/Writing workshop; attend any job market planning sessions you can. Apply for jobs in your field. Apply for internal and external funding to support dissertation writing.

Submit an essay for publication

Apply for internal and external funding to support dissertation writing

Present at a major conference

Spring

Reach out to your Dissertation Committee and PhD Coordinator to schedule your Dissertation Defense required for graduation. Aim to schedule at least one week prior to the Filing Deadline, which is the last day of instruction, so all signatures can be collected. When completing the Final Degree Paperwork, which is sent to you by the PhD Coordinator, please be advised that the submission of your dissertation to ProQuest may require two to four business days for approval. Please attach the confirmation to the paperwork, along with the UCI PhD Exit Survey and the Survey of Earned Doctorates completion confirmation email.

Continue working on publications

Present at or organize a panel for a conference