NC STATE

Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media, PhD

Sample Degree Timeline

The timeline is intended to guide students through important deadlines and milestones in the Ph.D. program. In addition to a list of Graduate School deadlines, students will also find suggestions for scheduling coursework and planning for professional development.

INTRODUCTION

New students are admitted in the Fall.

YEAR ONE

Milestones: Start of coursework, development of preliminary Plan of Work/Advisory Committee and participation in conferences.

YEAR TWO

Milestones: Definition of advisor and advising committee, preparation for preliminary exams, participation in conferences and submission to journals.

YEAR THREE

Milestones: Preliminary exams and start writing dissertation, submission to journals and participation in conferences.

YEAR FOUR

Milestones: Finish dissertation, conduct job search,application and interviews, oral defense of dissertation.

CONCLUSION

In order to meet the requirements to graduate in the Spring of YEAR FOUR, students must meet the Graduate Schools deadlines.

Course Work	Recommended Credit Hours	Recommended Professional Development	Graduate School Requirements & Deadlines
CRD 701 Hist & Theory of Comm Tech	3	Meet faculty and graduate students.	Submit Patent Agreement (via MyPackPortal).
CRD 702 Rhetoric and Digital Media	3		
CRD 809 Colloquium	1	Set up a citation database (e.g., with EndNote or RefWorks) to use for literature reviews.	
Teaching Preparation (e.g., COM585, ENG511/ENG626, CRD 885 Supervised Teaching)* or Elective	3		
Hours toward GSSP	10		
Hours toward Degree	10		
Total toward Degree	**10**		

Spring

Course Work	Recommended Credit Hours	Recommended Professional Development	Graduate School Requirements & Deadlines
CRD 703 Comm in Networked Society	3	Prepare and submit at least one conference proposal and/or paper.	
Methods (Quant or Qual)	3		
Elective Focus 1	3	Develop preliminary Plan of Work and advisory committee.	
Hours toward GSSP	9		
Hours toward Degree	9		
Total toward Degree	**19**		

Summer

Recommended Professional Development	Set up a teaching portfolio and insert Year One materials (if applicable).	Update CV.
	Attend workshops on portfolios and CVs.	Set up a research portfolio.

Fall

Course Work	Recommended Credit Hours	Recommended Professional Development	Graduate School Requirements & Deadlines
CRD 704 Pedagogy and Technology	3	Meet faculty and graduate students.	Choose graduate advisor.
CRD 809 Colloquium	1		Select advisory committee.
Elective Focus 2	3	Prepare and submit at least one conference proposal and/or paper.	Submit Plan of Work to graduate advisor via MyPackPortal.
Elective Focus 3	3		
Hours toward GSSP	10		
Hours toward Degree	10		
Total toward Degree	**29**		

Spring

Course Work	Recommended Credit Hours	Recommended Professional Development	Graduate School Requirements & Deadlines
CRD 790 Issues in CRDM	3	Start preparing for preliminary examination.	
Elective Focus 4	3		
COM or ENG 810 Directed Readings or **CRD 893** Supervised Research	3		
Hours toward GSSP	9		
Hours toward Degree	9		
Total toward Degree	**38**		

Summer

Recommended Professional Development	Prepare for preliminary examination.	Update CV.
	Update research portfolio.	Prepare one paper for submission to an academic journal
	Update teaching portfolio.	

Course Work	Recommended Credit Hours	Recommended Professional Development	Graduate School Requirements & Deadlines
CRD 890 Preliminary Exam (1 to 9 credits)	6	Meet new graduate students.	Schedule and take the written portion of the preliminary examination.
CRD 809 Colloquium	1	Diversify teaching experience (as applicable).	
COM or ENG 810 Directed Readings or	3		Submit Request to Schedule Preliminary Oral Examination.
CRD 893 Supervised Research		Research and apply for grants and fellowships to support dissertation research.	
Hours toward GSSP	10		Report on Preliminary Oral Examination submitted by CRDM Program Assistant.
Hours toward Degree	4	Prepare and submit at least one conference proposal and/or paper.	
Total toward Degree	42		
		Write Dissertatinon prospectus.	

Spring

Course Work	Recommended Credit Hours	Recommended Professional Development	Graduate School Requirements & Deadlines
CRD 895 (Must pass prelim exams, 1 to 9 credits)	3 or 6	Prepare 1-2 dissertation chapters for job market.	
COM or ENG 810 Directed Readings or	3 or 6		
CRD 893 Supervised Research			
Hours toward GSSP	9		
Hours toward Degree	9		
Total toward Degree	51		

Summer

Recommended Professional Development	Update CV.
	Update research portfolio.
	Update teaching portfolio.

Course Work	Recommended Credit Hours	Recommended Professional Development	Graduate School Requirements & Deadlines
CRD 895 (1 to 9 credits) or **CRD 899** (1 to 3 credits) Doctorate Dissertation Research or Writing Preliminary Exam	3*	Meet new graduate students.	
Hours toward GSSP	3	Diversify teaching experience	
Hours toward Degree	3	Assemble professional dossier for the job market	
Total toward Degree	**54**	Research and respond to job openings.	
		Schedule practice interviews.	

Spring

Course Work	Recommended Credit Hours	Recommended Professional Development	Graduate School Requirements & Deadlines
CRD 895 (1 to 9 credits) or **CRD 899** (1 to 3 credits) Doctorate Dissertation Research or Writing Preliminary Exam	3*	Interview for and get a job.	Submit Request to Schedule the Final Oral Examination (10 business days prior to examination)
Hours toward GSSP	3	Finish dissertation.	Submit Report on the Final Oral Examination (initiated by CRDM Director)
Hours toward Degree	3		
Total toward Degree	**57**		Submit dissertation to the Graduate School (before graduation deadline; see Graduate Administrative Handbook 3.20)

* The semester in which a course load of less than 9 credit hours will reach an accumulated total equal to the minimum number of hours required by their program. They should then register for that number of credits, but not less than 3. From that point on, they will continue to be considered full time until they complete their thesis or dissertation, as long as they enroll for at least 3 credit hours.

* Professional Preparation credits: For students with teaching experience, take an elective with focus on pedagogy (e.g., ENG 626). For students with no or minimal teaching preparation
COM --> for students with no or minimal teaching experience, require them to take COM585 during their first semester.
ENG --> 1. Take ENG 511 in their first semester if they don't have that class in their transcripts. If they are teaching ENG101, biweekly meetings with Casie
        2. Teach ENG101 and have the biweekly meetings with Casie (not for credit) and take preparation form 333x as CRD885
        3. If they don't have teaching experience, take CRD885 (shadowing a course) as preparation for ENG 101 — and not teach.