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Sample LIS PhD Timelines

Full-Time Accelerated Track (12 credits per term)

	Fall Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	Milestones
Year 1	12 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIS 3000 • Cognate course • Doctoral seminar • Methodology/stats course 	12 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognate course • Doctoral seminar • Doctoral seminar • Methodology/stats course 	12 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIS 3950 or FACDEV 2200 • Other/Independent study • Other/Independent study • Other/Independent study 	Prelims (Spring, 24 credits)
Year 2	9 Dissertation credits (LIS 3999)	9 Dissertation credits (LIS 3999)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Comps (Fall, 36 credits)
Year 3	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Proposal Defense (Fall, 54 credits)
Year 4	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)			Dissertation Defense (Fall)

Full-Time Track (9 credits per term)

	Fall Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	Milestones
Year 1	9 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIS 3000 • Cognate course • Methodology/stats course 	9 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognate course • Doctoral seminar • Methodology/stats course 	9 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIS 3950 or FACDEV 2200 • Other/Independent study • Other/Independent study 	
Year 2	9 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral seminar • Doctoral seminar • Other/Independent study 	9 Dissertation credits (LIS 3999)	9 Dissertation credits (LIS 3999)	Prelims (Fall, 24 credits) Comps (Spring, 36 credits)
Year 3	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Proposal Defense (Spring, 54 credits)
Year 4	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)		Dissertation Defense (Spring)

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Part-Time Accelerated Track (6 credits per term, 9 credits one term)

	Fall Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	Milestones
Year 1	6 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIS 3000 • Methodology/stats course 	6 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral seminar • Methodology/stats course 	6 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIS 3950 or FACDEV 2200 • Other/Independent study 	
Year 2	6 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognate course • Doctoral seminar 	6 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognate course • Doctoral seminar 	6 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other/Independent study • Other/Independent study 	Prelims (Fall, 24 credits)
Year 3	6 Dissertation credits (LIS 3999)	3 Dissertation credits (LIS 3999)	9 Dissertation Credits (LIS 3999)	Comps (Fall, 36 credits)
Year 4	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Proposal Defense (Spring, 54 credits)
Year 5	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	
Year 6	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)			Dissertation Defense (Fall)

Part-Time Slower Track (6 credits in Fall and Spring, 3 credits in Summer, 9 credits one term)

	Fall Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	Milestones
Year 1	6 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIS 3000 • Methodology/stats course 	6 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral seminar • Methodology/stats course 	3 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other/Independent study 	
Year 2	6 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognate course • Doctoral seminar 	6 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIS 3950 or FACDEV 2200 • Doctoral seminar 	3 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other/Independent study 	Prelims (Spring, 24 credits)
Year 3	6 Coursework credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognate course • Other/Independent study 	3 Dissertation credits (LIS 3999)	9 Dissertation Credits (LIS 3999)	Comps (Spring, 36 credits)
Year 4	6 Dissertation credits (LIS 3999)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Proposal Defense (Spring, 54 credits)
Year 5	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	
Year 6	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)	Full-Time Dissertation Study (FTDJ 0000)		Dissertation Defense (Spring)

LIS PhD Program
Summary of requirements and timescales

Preliminary exam (Prelims)

- Students must have completed 24 credits of study (or be completing in the exam term)
- Students must have fulfilled the research methodology course requirement (6 credits)
- Students taking 12 credits per term should take the exam in the 1st year Spring Term; students taking 9 credits per term should take the exam in the 2nd year Fall Term
- Students must pass by the end of the 2nd Spring term (3rd Spring term for part-timers); failure to pass within the time limit will result in dismissal from program
- Students may attempt the exam twice; failure at second attempt will result in dismissal
- Students may not register for dissertation credits until after passing the preliminary exam.

Comprehensive exam (Comps)

- Students must have completed 36 credits of study
- Students must have fulfilled the residency requirement (one term of full-time study)
- Students taking 9 or 12 credits per term should take the exam in the 2nd year Fall or Spring
- Students must pass within 18 months of passing Prelims (24 months for part-timers); failure to pass within the time limit will result in dismissal from program
- Students may attempt the exam twice; failure at second attempt will result in dismissal.

Proposal defense

- Students must have complete 56 credits of study (36 coursework, 18 dissertation)
- Students should defend their dissertation proposal within 18 months of passing Comps (24 months for part-timers)
- Students must successfully complete the defense within 24 months of passing Comps (36 months for part-timers); failure to defend within in the time limit will result in dismissal
- Dissertation proposal defense may not be scheduled in the same term as comps.

Dissertation defense

- All requirements for the PhD degree must be completed in not more than 6 calendar years from the time of first registration (or 8 calendar years for part-time students).

Registration requirement

- Students are required to engage in a minimum of one term of full-time doctoral study (defined as 9 or more graduate credits per term), which excludes other employment, except as approved by their departments.
- Students must register for at least 3 credits per term until they have achieved candidacy (i.e., until they have successfully completed their dissertation defense).

Time limit

- Students must complete all requirements for the PhD in not more than 6 calendar years from the time of first registration (8 calendar years for part-time students).

Minimum and maximum timescales

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Full-time minimum		Prelims Exam	Comps Exam	Proposal Defense		Dissertation Defense						
Full-time maximum				Prelims Exam			Comps Exam			Proposal Defense		Dissertation Defense

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Part-time minimum			Prelims Exam		Comps Exam	Proposal Defense		Dissertation Defense								
Part-time maximum						Prelim Exam				Comp Exam			Proposal Defense			Dissertation Defense