

Timeline for Students Who Entered the Security Studies Ph.D. Program in 2017 or Earlier

Year 1 Fall

Register for 9 credits of coursework:

- INR 7687 Theoretical Approaches to Security Studies (3)
- POS 7707 Advanced Qualitative Methods of Political Research (3)
- POS 7745 Advanced Quantitative Methods of Political Research (3)
- Consult with the Program Director, who serves as your advisor, regarding the formation of your Dissertation Committee.
- Prepare to take the Written Candidacy Methods Exams. Normally scheduled the first Friday of the following spring semester.

Year 1 Spring

Register for 10 credits of coursework:

- INR 7139 Issues in Domestic Security (3)
- INR 7337 Issues in International Security (3)

Elective (3)

Whichever is offered:

- POS 7930 Professional Development: Academic Careers in Security Studies (1) or
- POS 7267 Professional Development: The Practice of Security Studies (1)

Take the Written Candidacy Methods Exams. Normally scheduled the first Friday of the semester. Students who took POS 6746 Quantitative Methods instead of POS 7745 Advanced Quantitative Methods during their first semester of the program will take only the qualitative part of the exam at this time. They will take the quantitative part of the exam at Year 2 spring, after taking POS 7745 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Year 2 fall.

Obtain agreement from three faculty members of the Department serve on your Dissertation Committee by May 1, one as chair. All must be approved members of the Graduate Faculty or Graduate Faculty Scholars (see <http://www.graduatecatalog.ucf.edu/>). At least two members must be Graduate Faculty, one of whom must serve as the chair of the committee. You do not add the external reader to your committee at this time.

Schedule your Oral Qualifying Examination by May 1. The examination must be held by the deadline of June 1. Submit a completed research paper to the members of your committee

at least two weeks prior to the date of your qualifying exam. This paper may be one already submitted for 7000- level seminar, appropriately revised. The examining committee uses the paper, in part, to assess the student's potential for conducting independent research.

After your date is scheduled, inform the program coordinator by email of the date and membership of your dissertation committee.

Bring to the exam a list of courses that will be offered during the second year of your program and a Plan of Study. During the qualifying exam, you and your committee members will identify the best elective courses to take in the second year of your program. After obtaining the signatures of committee members, submit the Plan of Study form to the program assistant.

Bring to the exam three copies of the PhD Oral Advisory Evaluation. Instruct committee members that they should submit this form to the graduate program assistant after the Oral Qualifying exam.

Upon successful completion of this exam, your committee chair serves as your adviser. You do not add the external reader to your committee at this time.

Year 1 Summer

Register for 6 elective credits of coursework. Use the Restricted Registration Agreement form to register for independent study credit with your adviser to obtain credit for 4-week methods courses at ICPSR summer program in Ann Arbor. In consultation with your advisor, credit may also be earned by independent study for other summer methods programs.

Prepare to take the Written Candidacy Core Exam. Normally held the first Friday of the fall semester of Year 2.

Year 2 Fall

Register for 9 elective credits of coursework.

Note that any Core course with a grade of C+ or less will have to be repeated in the second year of the program.

Take the Written Candidacy Core Exam. Normally held the first Friday of the fall semester.

Year 2 Spring

Register for 9 elective credits of coursework, plus whichever is offered:

- POS 7930 Professional Development: Academic Careers in Security Studies (1) or
- POS 7267 Professional Development: The Practice of Security Studies (1)

Schedule your Written Candidacy Field Area Exam meeting with your three internal dissertation committee members. This meeting must be held by the first week of May.

After your date is scheduled, inform the program coordinator by email of the date and membership of your dissertation committee.

Take the Written Candidacy Area Exam. Normally held the last Friday of May. The student must be registered in at least one credit hour in the term that the candidacy exam was passed. For more information on these policies, please visit <http://catalog.ucf.edu/content.php?catoid=4&navoid=235>.

Year 2 Summer

In consultation with chairs and committee members, students should prepare a draft dissertation proposal.

By the deadline of July 1 student submits the Designation of Outside Reader Form to the Program Assistant. If the Director of Graduate Studies approves, student submits the Doctoral Committee form to the Program Assistant.

Once the Written Candidacy exams are passed and all course and language requirements are met, the student can progress to candidacy status. If external reader is not yet secured but student is otherwise eligible for candidacy status starting fall Year 3, he or she must inform the Program Director by the deadline of August 1.

WARNING: Failure to make candidacy by fall Year 3 means you will have to register for dissertation credit hours beyond the spring of Year 3. This could have financial implications depending on your funding status.

Year 3 Fall

If the student has progressed to doctoral candidate status he or she can enroll in 9 credits of dissertation hours. Students must defend their dissertation proposals no later than the first semester they enroll in dissertation hours.

Candidates register for up to 9 hours of POS 7980 Dissertation Research. To be considered full-time for fellowship, employment and tuition waiver purposes, candidates must be enrolled into at least 3 hours of POS 7980.

Students who are not yet candidates but have otherwise completed their coursework and wish to be considered full-time for fellowship, employment, and tuition waiver purposes must register for 9 hours of POS 7919 Doctoral Research.

If you have not already done so, arrange with your committee members for your Dissertation Proposal Defense. You do not need to include your external reader in your proposal defense. The Dissertation Proposal Announcement must be approved by your

committee chair and submitted to the program assistant no later than two weeks before your proposal defense (Announcement Example). Dissertation Proposal Approval Form.

Year 3 Spring & Summer

Candidates can register for up to 9 hours of POS 7980 Dissertation Research. To be considered full-time for fellowship, employment and tuition waiver purposes, candidates must be enrolled into at least 3 hours of POS 7980.

Defend your dissertation. Doctoral Final Examination Announcement(Example). Dissertation Approval Form(Sample).

Year 4+

If all 62 required credits are complete, students must register for at least 1 credit hour of POS 7980 Dissertation Research every semester, fall, spring, and summer, until they successfully defend their dissertation. The number of credit hours is determined by your dissertation advisor, who may request more than one hour depending on the amount of thesis supervision planned for the semester.