Program at a Glance

Year	Fall and Spring terms	Summer	Writing	Outcomes for the year
1 st	Enroll in 3-4 courses per semester: PS 800, PS 812, PS 813, PS 817 Field seminar or equivalent Other methods and substantive Attend field workshops Professionalization: • Meet with speakers • Attend brown bags • Attend research working groups	Meet with advisor Predissertation research Start examprep	Aim for at least one working paper Develop and discuss dissertation ideas	Training in methods Training in two fields Progress on dissertation ideas Start research portfolio Professionalization
2 nd	Enroll in 3-4 courses per semester Present at a field workshop Attend field workshops Professionalization: • Meet with speakers • Attend brown bags • Attend research working groups	Exams in June Retake in August Fieldwork and dissertation development	Complete additional research papers Begin dissertation prospectus discussion with faculty	Qualification in two fields Training in methods and language (as appropriate) Concrete steps to dissertation committee and topic Develop research
3 rd	Complete remaining course requirements Dissertation prospectus meeting by Sept 15 Dissertation prospectus course Complete courses for Minor Attend field workshops Professionalization:	Fieldwork and dissertation research Develop paper(s) for journal submission	Complete research paper by January 15 (start of 6 th) Defend prospectus by end of spring semester	Dissertation prospectus developed and defended At least one conference level paper and ideally more in a research portfolio Courses completed Minor completed
4 th	Enroll in PS 990 Research and Thesis Professionalization: • Meet with speakers • Attend brown bags • Attend research working groups • Attend placement meeting	Dissertation Research papers	Dissertation Research papers Conference presentation or submission	Research for dissertation Paper development Aim for conference presentation Start thinking about job market
5 th + 6 th	Enroll in PS 990 Research and Thesis Professionalization: • Meet with speakers • Attend brown bags • Attend research working groups	Dissertation Research paper	Complete Dissertation Submit papers to journals Conference presentation	Prepare for and compete on job market PhD in hand!