

Doctoral Candidacy Examination *Example* Timeline for Students and Supervisors

The best way to prepare for the doctoral candidacy examination process is to plan ahead and communicate with your Supervisory Committee members, your program office, and the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (SGPS).

Normally, for full-time students the candidacy exam takes place within 18 months of initial registration of the doctoral program.

This timeline can assist with planning your examination. However, the information below is a summary. It is essential this information is used in combination with the [Doctoral Candidacy Handbook](#) and the [Graduate Academic Calendar](#) available on the Graduate Studies website.

Note: Each term has specific deadlines if you are trying to meet complete the candidacy exam in a specific term (such as for transfer students). Please refer to these deadlines [posted on the website](#).

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