

PhD Candidacy Exam and Master's Transfer DEADLINES 2022-2023

Each student in a doctoral program is required to prepare a written research proposal and pass a candidacy exam (CE). Full-time students are normally expected to do this within 18 months of their initial registration. This document provides deadlines within a given term for documentation to be submitted in order to complete the PhD CE.

Please note that students transferring from a Master's to a PhD must strictly adhere to these deadlines, so if successful, they can officially apply to the PhD program for the next applicable term. More details on these processes can be found on the [Graduate Studies Website](#).

| Task | | DEADLINE: To complete all requirements by end of Fall 2022 | DEADLINE: To complete all requirements by end of Winter 2023 | DEADLINE: To complete all requirements by end of Summer 2023 |
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| Note: dates for tasks 1-2 are based on date for task #3. | | | | |
| 1 | Last recommended date to submit Appointment of PhD Candidacy Committee form to SGPS for approval (no less than 5 weeks before exam) | November 4, 2022 | March 9, 2023 | July 13, 2023 |
| 2 | Last recommended date for student to submit thesis proposal to program office for distribution to candidacy committee members (no less than 4 weeks before exam) | November 11, 2022 | March 16, 2023 | July 20, 2023 |
| 3 | Last recommended date for oral examination in current term. | December 9, 2022 | April 13, 2023 | August 17, 2023 |
| 4 | Last day for submission of PhD Candidacy Committee Decision form to SGPS. | December 16, 2022 | April 20, 2023 | August 24, 2023 |