PhD (post-BS) **Sample** Timeline & Milestones

**Research\***
- **Fall**
  - 6 cr research
  - 6 cr courses
  - 1 cr CLA
- **Spring**
  - 6 cr research
  - 6 cr courses
  - 1 cr ethics
- **Summer**
  - 6 cr research

**Registration**
- **Fall**
  - 8 cr research
  - (coursework as needed)
- **Spring**
  - 8 cr research
- **Summer**
  - 6 cr research

**PQP Phase**
- **End of 1\textsuperscript{st} year**
- **PQP Phase I**
  - QLA passed
  - Submit student portfolio with QLA (August)
- **PQP Phase II**
  - POS Meeting + (November)
- **PQP Phase III**
  - Preliminary Exam passed (Mid-year or Earlier)

**End of 2\textsuperscript{nd} year**
- 8 cr research
- (coursework as needed)
- Spring
- 6 cr research

**End of 3\textsuperscript{rd} year**
- Fall
- 8 cr research
- Spring
- 6 cr research
- Summer
- 6 cr research

**End of 4\textsuperscript{th} year**
- Research registration as needed until graduation

Final exam passed or within reasonable length of time hereafter……..

\* Could be taken Spring, Summer, or Fall.
+ Advisory Committee meetings should happen at least once each year.
* The research milestones listed are not graduate requirements, but rather typical expected progress.
** Could be poster, oral or paper presentation.
*** Three publications are deemed minimum for faculty positions at high quality institutions; one patent can substitute for one journal publication.
† You are required to present your research in Summer Seminar at the end of your second year.