



Advancement to Candidacy Timeline Fall 2024

Below are some important dates to keep in mind if you plan to defend your dissertation proposal during Fall 2024 in order to advance to candidacy for Spring 2025. Please note that the dates listed are the latest you should complete each step.

SEPT 30

Submit Form 1 (Doctoral Dissertation Committee) to Liz Noyes*. *This form should include the name, position, and department of each committee member as well as their signatures.*

OCT 15

Connect with committee chair to schedule Comprehensive Exam (if not already completed).

OCT 15-30

Complete Comprehensive Exam and collect committee member signatures for Form 2 (Results of Candidacy Exam). *Send signed form to Liz Noyes* for departmental signature collection and processing (if not already completed).*

NOV 1

Finalize proposal defense date.

NOV 11

Defend proposal. *Collect committee signatures for Form 3 (Proposal) and submit the form to Liz Noyes* along with a copy of your proposal, your Program of Study, and Reduction of Credit form.*

**NOV 15
5 pm**

All paperwork must be submitted to the College of Science by 5 pm EST.

The timeline above is for students who plan to start 999 coursework in the Spring 2025 semester.

The College of Science takes several weeks to process advancement paperwork. You will not be able to register for 999 coursework until all of your paperwork has been reviewed by the College of Science and submitted to the Registrar.

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