



Advancement to Candidacy Timeline Spring 2024

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

FEB 15

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.*

MAR 15

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

**APR
1-8**

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).*

APR 15

Finalize proposal defense date.

MAY 1-20

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.*

**JUN 1
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 Fall 2024 semester. If you plan to start 999 coursework in Summer 2024, all paperwork is due by April 15 to the COS Graduate Office.

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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