

**TIMELINES FOR THE M.A., ACCELERATED M.A., COMBINED M.A./Ph.D, AND
Ph.D. PROGRAMS**

Be sure to follow the timeline for your program of study:

[M.A. Program Timeline](#)
[Accelerated M.A. Program Timeline](#)
[Combined M.A./Ph.D. Program Timeline](#)
[Ph.D. Program Timeline](#)

M.A. PROGRAM TIMELINE

Year 1:

Fall Semester:

- Enroll in 3 courses (GTAs, GRAs, and GAs may enroll in 2 or 3 courses)
- Take foreign language proficiency exam when it is offered in August
- Enroll in appropriate level of foreign language course if requirement was not fulfilled with proficiency exam

Spring Semester:

- Enroll in 3 courses (GTAs, GRAs, and GAs may enroll in 2 or 3 courses)
- Enroll in appropriate level of foreign language course if requirement is not fulfilled

Summer:

- Enroll in appropriate level of foreign language course if requirement is not fulfilled

Year 2:

Fall Semester:

- Enroll in 3 courses (GTAs, GRAs, and GAs may enroll in 2 or 3 courses)
- Enroll in appropriate level of foreign language course if requirement is not fulfilled
- Students completing M.A. degree requirements in 2 years, prepare to take the M.A. exam when it is offered in January or May (See M.A. Examination section of Graduate Student Handbook)

Spring Semester:

- Students completing M.A. degree requirements in 2 years, take the M.A. exam when it is offered in January or May (See M.A. Examination section of Graduate Student Handbook)
- Complete any necessary coursework
- Enroll in 3 courses (GTAs, GRAs, and GAs may enroll in 2 or 3 courses)
- Enroll in appropriate level foreign language course if requirement is not fulfilled

For students completing M.A. degree requirements in 2.5 years

Summer:

- Prepare to take the M.A. exam when it is offered in August (See M.A. Examination section of Graduate Student Handbook)
- Enroll in appropriate level foreign language course if requirement is not fulfilled

Year 3:

Fall Semester:

- Students completing M.A. degree requirements in 2.5 years, take the M.A. exam when it is offered in August (See M.A. Examination section of Graduate Student Handbook). Complete any remaining M.A. coursework. If continuing in the Ph.D. program, begin Ph.D. coursework

ACCELERATED M.A. PROGRAM TIMELINE

Please visit the Accelerated M.A. page in the Graduate Student Handbook and the [department's website](#) for more information and to view full sample academic plans for the European and American Art/Global Modern and Contemporary Art and East Asian Art tracks.

Years 1-3:

Complete requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. major. Be sure to discuss with your Undergraduate Advisor your interest in the Accelerated M.A. program and express that interest to the DGS and Graduate Academic Advisor no later than the first semester of your Junior year. **You will need to [apply to the Accelerated M.A. program](#) no later than May 1 of your Junior year.**

- Enroll in appropriate level of a foreign language course to stay on track to complete the fourth semester of a language by the end of the Senior year

Year 4:

Fall Semester:

- Meet with your Undergraduate Advisor, the DGS, and the Graduate Academic Advisor to ensure you are fulfilling all requirements for both the B.A./B.G.S. and the M.A.
- Take at least two 500+ HA breadth courses (and/or at least one course at the 700 level if you are completing the European and American Art/Global Modern and Contemporary Art track)
- Take three 300+ elective/minor courses
- Enroll in appropriate level of a foreign language course to stay on track to complete the fourth semester of a language by the end of the Senior year

Spring Semester:

- Meet with your Undergraduate Advisor, the DGS, and the Graduate Academic Advisor to ensure you are fulfilling all requirements for both the B.A./B.G.S. and the M.A.
- Take at least one 500+ HA breadth course (or HA 550 if this requirement has not yet been met) and at least one 700+ HA graduate seminar*
- Take three 300+ elective courses
- **Graduate with the B.A. or B.G.S.**
- Enroll in appropriate level of a foreign language course to stay on track to complete the fourth semester of a language by the end of the Senior year

Year 5:

Fall Semester:

- Enroll in 3 courses (at least two of which must be graduate seminars at the 700+ level)*
Enroll in appropriate level of a foreign language course to stay on track to complete the fourth semester of a language if that requirement has not yet been met.

Spring Semester:

- Enroll in 3 courses (at least two of which must be graduate seminars at the 700+ level)*
- Take the M.A. exam when it is offered in January or May (provided foreign language requirement has been met)

*Note that at least two of the six graduate seminars taken in years 4 and 5 must be numbered 800+

COMBINED M.A./Ph.D. PROGRAM TIMELINE

**Students who received the History of Art M.A. degree from KU should also follow this timeline.*

Year 1:

Fall Semester:

- Enroll in 3 courses (GTAs, GRAs, and GAs may enroll in 2 or 3 courses)
- Take foreign language proficiency exam when it is offered in August (if applicable)
- Enroll in appropriate level of foreign language course if requirement was not fulfilled with proficiency exam

Spring Semester:

- Enroll in 3 courses (GTAs, GRAs, and GAs may enroll in 2 or 3 courses)
- Enroll in appropriate level of foreign language course if requirement is not fulfilled

Summer:

- Enroll in appropriate level of foreign language course if requirement is not fulfilled

Year 2:

By this point, M.A./Ph.D. students should enroll in 3 courses regardless of GTA, GRA, or GA appointment.

Fall Semester:

- Enroll in 3 courses
- Enroll in appropriate level of foreign language course if requirement is not fulfilled
- Prepare to take M.A. exam when it is offered in January or May if on track and completing M.A. degree requirements in the spring (See M.A. Examination section of Graduate Student Handbook)

Spring Semester:

- Complete M.A. degree requirements and take the M.A. exam when it is offered in January or May (See M.A. Examination section of Graduate Student Handbook)
- Enroll in 3 courses

Year 3:

Fall Semester:

- Enroll in 3 courses

Spring Semester:

- Enroll in up to 3 courses
- Submit Doctoral Program of Study Petition and establish projected Ph.D. comprehensive exam dates with faculty advisor
 - See Preparing a Doctoral Program of Study Petition section of Graduate Student Handbook
 - See Ph.D. General Comprehensive Exam section of Graduate Student Handbook

Summer:

- Study for comprehensive exam

Year 4:

Fall Semester:

- Take comprehensive exam as close to the start of the semester as possible
- Establish contract with faculty advisor
- Enroll in HA 999 hours- must enroll in minimum of 6 hours to comply with the [post-comp enrollment policy](#)
- Submit Dissertation Proposal- due within three months of the successful completion of comps (See Dissertation Proposal section of Graduate Student Handbook)

Spring Semester

- Establish contract with faculty advisor
- Enroll in HA 999 hours- must enroll in minimum of 6 hours to comply with the [post-comp enrollment policy](#)
- Submit Dissertation Proposal if you have not already done so

Summer:

- Establish contract with faculty advisor
- *OPTIONAL* – Enroll in HA 999 hours- summer enrollment is not required

Year 5:

Fall Semester:

- Establish contract with faculty advisor
- Enroll in HA 999 hours- you may enroll in the number of hours required to fulfill 18 (If you have already completed 18 hours prior to this semester, you may drop down to as few as 1 hour of HA 999)

For Remainder of Program:

- Establish contract with faculty advisor each semester
- Enroll in HA 999 hours each semester- summer enrollment is optional
- Begin process of scheduling defense no later than the beginning of the semester in which you intend to graduate (See The Final Oral Examination section of Graduate Student Handbook)

Ph.D. PROGRAM TIMELINE

**For students who entered the Ph.D. program with an M.A. degree from another institution*

Year 1:

Fall Semester:

- Enroll in 3 courses (GTAs, GRAs, and GAs may enroll in 2 or 3 courses)
- Take foreign language proficiency exam when it is offered in August (if applicable)
- Enroll in appropriate level of foreign language course if requirement was not fulfilled with proficiency exam or with the M.A. degree

Spring Semester:

- Enroll in 3 courses. ***By this point, Ph.D. students should enroll in 3 courses regardless of GTA, GRA, or GA appointment***
- Enroll in appropriate level of foreign language course if requirement is not fulfilled

Summer:

- Enroll in appropriate level of foreign language course if requirement is not fulfilled

Year 2:

Fall Semester:

- Enroll in 3 courses
- Foreign language requirement should be fulfilled by now. If not, complete this semester.
- Submit Doctoral Program of Study Petition (due within three semesters of entering the Ph.D. program) and establish Ph.D. comprehensive exam dates with faculty advisor
 - See Preparing a Doctoral Program of Study Petition section of Graduate Student Handbook
 - See Ph.D. General Comprehensive Exam section of Graduate Student Handbook

Spring Semester:

- Take comprehensive exams if coursework for major and minor fields is complete. If not, enroll in appropriate courses
 - If taking comprehensive exam this semester
 - Establish contract with faculty advisor
 - Enroll in HA 999 hours- must enroll in a minimum of 6 hours to comply with the [post-comp enrollment policy](#)
 - Dissertation Proposal- due within three months of the successful completion of comps (See Dissertation Proposal section of Graduate Student Handbook)
 - If three months from completion of comps falls during the summer break, the dissertation proposal must be submitted for consideration at the first faculty meeting of the fall semester

Summer:

- Establish contract with faculty advisor
- *OPTIONAL* – Enroll in HA 999 hours- summer enrollment is not required

Year 3:

Fall Semester:

For students who completed comprehensive exam in the spring:

- Establish contract with faculty advisor
- Enroll in HA 999 hours- must enroll in minimum of 6 hours to comply with the [post-comp enrollment policy](#)

For students who are completing comprehensive exam this semester:

- Take comprehensive exam
- Establish contract with faculty advisor
- Enroll in HA 999 hours- must enroll in a minimum of 6 hours to comply with the [post-comp enrollment policy](#)
Submit Dissertation Proposal- due within three months of the successful completion of comps (See Dissertation Proposal section of Graduate Student Handbook)

If three months from completion of comps falls during the summer break, the dissertation proposal must be submitted for consideration at the first faculty meeting of the fall semester

Spring Semester:

- Establish contract with faculty advisor
- Enroll in HA 999 hours
 - If you are completing the required 18 hours this semester you may enroll in the number of hours left to fulfill the 18
 - Those who fulfilled the required 18 hours prior to this semester may drop down to as few as one HA 999 hour

Summer:

- Establish contract with faculty advisor
- *OPTIONAL* – Enroll in HA 999 hours- summer enrollment is not required

For Remainder of Program:

- Establish contract with faculty advisor each semester
- Enroll in HA 999 hours each semester- summer enrollment is optional
- Begin process of scheduling defense no later than the beginning of the semester in which you intend to graduate (See The Final Oral Examination section of Graduate Student Handbook)