

**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:*

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## 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 (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:

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

Spring Semester:

- Students completing M.A. degree requirements in 2 years, take the M.A. exam when it is offered in January or May
- 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
- 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
- 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](#) on the department's website to view full sample academic plans for the European/American and East Asian tracks.

### Years 1-3:

Complete requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. major. Be sure to notify your Undergraduate Advisor of your intent to complete the Accelerated M.A. program. **You will need to [apply to the graduate portion of the program](#) during the second semester of Year 3.**

### Year 4:

Fall Semester:

- Meet with your Undergraduate Advisor, the Director of Graduate Studies, 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 (at least one 700+ if you are completing the European/American track)
- Take three 300+ elective/minor courses

Spring Semester:

- Meet with your Undergraduate Advisor, the Director of Graduate Studies, 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 HA 550 and at least one 500+ HA breadth course
- Take three 300+ elective courses
- **Graduate with the B.A. or B.G.S.**

### Year 5:

Fall Semester:

- Enroll in 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
- Take the M.A. exam when it is offered in January or May

## M.A./Ph.D. 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 (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

Spring Semester:

- Complete M.A. degree requirements and take the M.A. exam when it is offered in January or May
- 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 Ph.D. comprehensive exam dates with advisor. A sample Doctoral Program of Study Petition can be found in the [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 [post-comp enrollment policy](#)
- Submit Dissertation Proposal- due within three months of the successful completion of comps

Spring Semester

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

Summer:

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

## **Year 5:**

Fall Semester:

- Establish contract with 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 advisor each semester
- Enroll in at least 1 HA 999 hour 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

## 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:

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

- Enroll in 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 up to 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 advisor. A sample Doctoral Program of Study Petition can be found in the [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 advisor
    - Enroll in HA 999 hours- must enroll in a minimum of 6 hours to comply with [post-comp enrollment policy](#)
    - Dissertation Proposal- due within three months of the successful completion of comps
      - 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 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 advisor
- Enroll in HA 999 hours- must enroll in minimum of 6 hours to comply with [post-comp enrollment policy](#)

#### **For students who are completing comprehensive exam this semester:**

- Take comprehensive exam
- Establish contract with advisor
- Enroll in HA 999 hours- must enroll in a minimum of 6 hours to comply with [post-comp enrollment policy](#)
- Submit Dissertation Proposal- due within three months of the successful completion of comps
  - 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 advisor
- Enroll in HA 999 hours
  - If you are completing the required 18 post-comp 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 1 HA 999 hour

Summer:

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

#### **For Remainder of Program:**

- Establish contract with 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