

APPENDIX I

DGA Dissertation Sample Timeline

DURING COURSE WORK

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Become acquainted with library and librarian	X			
Become acquainted with issues and literature in the field	X	X	X	X
Gather material for comprehensive exams	X	X	X	X
Search for a dissertation question			X	X
Search for committee chair	X	X	X	X
Search other committee members				X

<p><u>Pass Comprehensive Exams Semester 5 (October) or Semester 6 (February)</u></p>

Post-Comps: One Year for Proposal Development and Defense (by month)

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Develop Question/Puzzle	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Start meeting with chair to discuss proposal					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Formulate research question and outline proposal						X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Complete literature review and sections of proposal									X	X	X	X
Decide appropriate methodology and justify						X	X	X	X	X	X	X
File paperwork and schedule defense							X	X				X
Complete and submit proposal											X	X
Defend proposal											X	X
If necessary, revise proposal												X

Post Proposal: Two Years for Dissertation Research and Writing

(by months)

Months	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	9 & 10	11 & 12	13 & 14	15 & 16	17 & 18	19 & 20	21 & 22	23 & 24
Outline dissertation	X											
Meet with chair to discuss outline, research methodology, and timeline	X	X	X	X								
If conducting fieldwork, plan with chair including IRB process	X											
Conduct fieldwork and/or collect data		X	X	X								
Conduct empirics (fieldwork/data analysis) and submit for review				X	X	X						
Write introductory chapters and submit for review						X	X	X				
Write methodology (quantitative and/or qualitative) chapters and submit review								X	X	X		
Write Conclusion										X	X	
Submit dissertation draft to committee											X	X
Submit paperwork and schedule defense									X	X		
Defend dissertation and re-submit with edits, if necessary											X	X
Graduate												X

Doctoral Degree Deadlines

To Be Eligible For:	OCTOBER DEGREE	JANUARY DEGREE	MAY DEGREE
DIPLOMA APPLICATION (online only)	August 1	November 1	March 1
CANDIDACY APPLICATION	October 1	January 4	May 1