Department of Geography Graduate School Timelines
Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program

Student is admitted after meeting university and department requirements.

Student meets with assigned graduate advisor to select courses and area(s) of concentration. Plans also are made to eliminate any coursework deficiencies and to complete a PhD program sheet. This sheet must be filed in the department office before the second semester.

Student completes required coursework, the FLORS and residency requirements, and submits proposal to the committee. Students with half-time TAs or RAs typically do this in two years. The committee must consist of five members of the graduate faculty, three of whom must be from the Geography Department.

Serious work on the dissertation should begin no later than the third full-time semester.

In consultation with the advisor, student schedules comprehensive oral exam date and dates for written exams.

Student passes comprehensive oral exam and becomes a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Candidate begins 18 hours of post-comprehensive enrollment. Student must be continuously enrolled (including summer sessions) until the degree is finished.

Committee accepts candidate's final draft of the dissertation and candidate schedules a final defense.

Candidate files application for degree through "Enroll and Pay" on the KU website by semester deadline.

Candidate passes final defense and committee members sign dissertation. Candidate submits electronic dissertation to ProQuest/UMI at: http://dissertations.umi.com/ku/ and orders bound copies of the dissertation for the department and the advisor.

Candidate turns in signed dissertation title and acceptance pages to the College Graduate Studies Office. A copy of the title page is also turned in to the Geography office.

Candidate graduates.