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| **Activity** | **Required Timeline** |
| Written Exam | 2nd year Spring semester |
| Form Doctoral Committee | 3rd year Fall semester |
| Doctoral Committee Meeting | Every  6-8 months |
| Oral Exam | 3rd year Spring semester |
| Doctoral Dissertation Defense | 5th year and beyond |

If for any reason if any of the deadlines cannot be made for any of the activities required, this information should be communicated to the Director of Graduate Studies so that an exception can be granted.