Timeline to Degree for Students Entering with a M.A. (full-time)

First Year

Second Year

Dissertation (2-3 Years)

COURSEWORK

Write letter requesting transfer credits in first semester

If you have completed language exams as part of the M.A., submit a letter to the Executive Committee with supporting documentation

If not, complete one or two language requirements (one by 30 credits, two by 60 credits)

Determine advisor, major and minor

Complete 18 credits, including one or two seminars; complete distribution requirements

Take First (Qualifying) Exam in your specialization after your second semester

CAREER

Work as faculty research assistant (students with GTFs)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Write CV and resumé

Network with colleagues at Rewald Seminars

COURSEWORK

Advance to Level II with completion of 45 credits, First Exam, and at least one language requirement

Complete 12 credits for a total of 60 graduate credits (including six seminars)

Complete minor, if necessary

CAREER

Begin teaching fellowship at CUNY (students with GTFs)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Network with colleagues at Rewald Seminars

Prepare abstracts to submit to conferences

Develop and prepare article for publication; work with faculty mentor

COURSEWORK

Third Year

Take two-hour Second (Oral)
Examination in your major and
minor fields (scheduled on
completion of all course and
language requirements; at least B
average, no incompletes)

Advance to Level III (Candidacy) on completion of Oral Examination and approval of dissertation proposal by advisor, second reader and Executive Committee

Write grant proposals for dissertation

CAREER

Continue teaching fellowship at CUNY

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Attend professional development workshop in grant writing

Network with colleagues at Rewald Seminars

Prepare abstracts to submit to conferences

Develop and prepare article for publication; work with faculty mentor

RESEARCH

Register for 90000 Dissertation Supervision

Assemble committee of four readers; approval of completed dissertation draft by advisor, 2nd, 3rd and 4th readers

Two-hour dissertation defense

Deposit of completed dissertation (after any mandated revisions) and approvals of advisor and Executive Officer

CAREER

Continue teaching fellowship at CUNY (year 4) and work as Writing Across the Curriculum fellow (year 5), for students with GTFs

Explore post-doc opportunities and prepare job materials

Conduct job search

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Network with colleagues at Rewald Seminars

Prepare article for publication; work with faculty mentor