

First Semester in Residence		<u>Take comprehensive qualifying exam</u>
		Take courses in general areas of interest
		Identify area of research interest and major professor
		After discussions with major professor, begin to research specific thesis topic
		With the help of your major professor, <u>work out a plan for taking necessary, thesis-related courses</u>

Second Semester (1st Spring) in Residence		Take Geol 6900 (Manuscripts) and other advisor-approved courses
		Deal with any deficiencies identified by the qualifying exam in consultation with major professor
		Write thesis proposal
		<u>Prepare</u> for summer research program

Third Semester in Residence		Take advisor-approved courses
		<u>Complete data-gathering phase</u> of research
		Begin writing thesis

Fourth Semester in Residence		<u>Check the current academic calendar for last day to submit thesis</u>
		Complete course work, if necessary
		<u>Register for Geol 7000 (thesis)</u>
		Complete 1st draft of thesis by mid-semester (or earlier!) and give to major professor for review revise and re-revise thesis, as necessary
		When okayed by major professor, give thesis draft to committee
		<u>Revise as necessary</u>
		Consult with committee to schedule defense (at least two weeks in advance)
		<u>Prepare visuals</u> for defense
		Defend thesis
		<u>Final revisions of thesis (be careful to follow the Graduate School guidelines carefully!)</u>
		Turn in <u>signed "Closure of Research Space Form"</u>
		<u>Get all signatures</u>
		<u>Turn in signed thesis to graduate school</u>
	Graduate!	