

Flow Chart for Successful Ph.D. Completion at Oregon State University

Admission

Discuss your goals and expectations with your department's graduate student adviser. Develop a **Program of Study***.
**This is your plan for completing your degree. Your adviser, department chair or departmental graduate coordinator will help you.*

Determine eligibility of **transfer credits**, if any.
 Take courses. Start research.
****Continuous enrollment required**

Before completing 2 terms (if you already have a master's) or 5 terms (if you do not have a master's):

- (1) Select program committee members, which must include a **Graduate Council Representative**,
- (2) Meet* with your program committee to create a **Program of Study**.

**Take to the meeting: your Doctoral Program Checklist, all transcripts, list of eligible transfer credits, your program curriculum and initial draft of Program of Study.*

At least 6 weeks before your preliminary oral exam and most coursework has been completed, submit your signed Program of Study to the Graduate School. When it has been approved by the Graduate School, you may schedule your preliminary oral exam. **At least 2 weeks before the exam**, submit the online **Exam Scheduling Form**.

Preliminary Oral Examination

Pass Preliminary Oral Examination

No

Yes

At least 2 weeks before your final oral examination:

- (1) Use online form to schedule your **final oral examination**,
- (2) Distribute a defensible copy of your **thesis** to your committee,
- (3) Bring in or **email** pre-text pages of your thesis to the Graduate School and
- (4) submit a **diploma application**.

Final Examination

Pass Final Examination

No

Yes

If your master's degree requires a thesis, **upload** corrected thesis to Graduate School within 6 weeks of your defense date.
You must be registered for 3 graduate credits when you submit your thesis to the Graduate School.

Academic Unit Graduate Degree Requirements

Review the graduate degree requirements of your academic unit (college, school, department or program) with your adviser, the program director/chair or the graduate program director.

NOTE: A dashed line connected to a university requirement indicates your department or program may have additional requirements. Check with your academic unit for its specific rules and requirements.

NOTE: Check the Graduate Catalog for **full details on deadlines**.

Registration

All degree requirements must be met within 7 years, regardless of requested leave of absences.
NOTE: Continuous enrollment required unless leave of absence requested.

Graduation