

## Requirements for Ph.D. Graduate Students in ESSP

<p>Beginning of Graduate Studies in ESSP            First Semester Required Courses (Credits)            ESSP 503 (3)            ESSP 504 (3)            ESSP 505 (3)            ESSP 590 (1)</p>	<p>-During the first semester, graduate students are required to select a faculty advisor for their thesis research</p>
<p>Second Semester Required Courses (Credits)            ESSP 506 (3)            ESSP 507 (3)            ESSP 508 (3)            ESSP 590 (1)</p>	<p>-By the end of the second semester, graduate students are required to <a href="#">select a committee</a> (at least five members; minimum of three from ESSP, and at least one at-large member from outside ESSP), as well as submit a <a href="#">program of study</a> as approved by the committee</p>
<p>Third Semester            Elective courses (6)            OR            ESSP 596: Doctoral Research (6)</p>	<p>-Elective courses are chosen by the graduate student with approval from advisor and/or committee</p> <p>-Elective courses can be from within ESSP or other departments relevant to graduate students thesis topic</p> <p><a href="#">-Defend dissertation proposal</a></p>
<p>Fourth Semester            Elective courses (6)            OR            ESSP 596: Doctoral Research (6)</p>	<p>-Finish elective courses</p> <p>-Qualifying exams conducted late within the fourth semester (advance to candidacy)</p>
<p>Fifth Semester            ESSP 596: Doctoral Research (6)            OR            ESSP 999: Dissertation Research (6)</p>	
<p>Sixth Semester            ESSP 596: Doctoral Research (6)            OR            ESSP 999: Dissertation Research (6)</p>	
<p>Seventh Semester            ESSP 596: Doctoral Research (6)            OR            ESSP 999: Dissertation Research (6)</p>	
<p>Eighth Semester            ESSP 999: Dissertation Research (6)</p>	

<p>Ninth Semester ESSP 999: Dissertation Research (6)</p>	
<p>Tenth Semester ESSP 999: Dissertation Research (6)</p>	<p>-Apply for graduation at the beginning of the final semester of your graduate work.</p> <p>-Ph.D. graduate students MUST have approval from ALL committee members that the dissertation work is ready to defend. Students are required to allow two weeks for committee members to review thesis. If dissertation is not satisfactory, students must continue to improve the dissertation until all committee members agree it is defensible. Once committee members agree, students must submit a <a href="#">preliminary approval of dissertation</a> form as well as a notice of defense form.</p> <p>-Graduate students must submit their thesis to the graduate school for <a href="#">formatting</a> before the final defense.</p> <p>-Defend thesis two weeks after notice of defense form is submitted. The graduate student must provide the <a href="#">final report on candidate</a> form to the committee at the time of defense.</p> <p>-Signature page from thesis and final report form must be submitted to the graduate school.</p> <p>-A final copy of the thesis is uploaded to <a href="#">UMI/Proquest Publishing</a>. Once the thesis is uploaded to UMI/Proquest, your graduate studies are completed and you may graduate.</p>

-Ph.D. students are required to complete 90 credits of course and dissertation work. At least 30 credits must be taken within ESSP. At least 18 credits of ESSP 999: Dissertation Research must be completed. A maximum of 30 credits may be transferred from Master's work.

-International students without a GRA are required to take 9 credits per semester to be considered full time.

**-All students must follow the time line for the submission of all forms, with the consequence that tuition funding will not be granted by the department until the semester after the form is submitted.**

-Departmental policy states that a student who falls below a cumulative 3.00 GPA in coursework since starting the graduate program in the ESSP department, will be placed on academic probation. Students

on academic probation are given one semester to raise their cumulative GPA to 3.00 or higher. If a student does not achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher after the one semester probation period, the student will be dismissed from the ESSP graduate program. As well, students who are on academic probation will not receive tuition wavier from the department.