University of New Hampshire

The Natural Resources and Earth Systems Science Ph.D. Program

Timeline for Students Entering *With a Master's Degree*

Timeline (from start date)	Forms	Coursework	Exams
Within 1 Year	Full-time students: 1. Preliminary **Course Approval Form** to Program Coordinator (does not require committee signatures) 2. **Guidance Committee Form** to Program Coordinator	**Required Core Courses:** • Natural Sciences: 3-4 cr. • Ethics, Policy & Law: 3-4cr. • Methods: 3-4 cr. • NRES 997: 1cr. • Seminar: interactive; ≥ 1cr. • Core courses must be taken after enrolling in program. • Must be 800 level or above. **Additional Coursework:** As determined by guidance committee. All coursework must be completed prior to advancing to candidacy.	
Within 2 Years	Part-time students: 1. Preliminary **Course Approval Form** to Program Coordinator (does not require committee signatures) 2. **Guidance Committee Form** to Program Coordinator		

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<tr><td>Within 3 Years</td><td rowspan="2">Finalized Course Approval Form with guidance committee signatures to Program Coordinator
Candidacy Form to Program Coordinator</td><td rowspan="2"></td><td rowspan="2">Comprehensive Exam completed. Advisor to notify Program Coordinator of date in writing.
Proposal Exam completed. Advisor to notify Program Coordinator of date in writing.
Order in which student takes the Proposal Exam and the Comprehensive Exam may be switched at discretion of advisor.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Within 4 Years</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Within 7 Years</td><td>Student files Intent to Graduate Form with Graduate School (check deadline) and copy to NRESS</td><td></td><td>Complete and Defend Dissertation
Advisor to notify Program Coordinator when student passes.</td></tr>
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