University of New Hampshire

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

Timeline for Students Entering *Without 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: 3-4 cr. • 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. **Minimum of 36 Credits required for those entering without a Master's Degree.** Credit transfer with approvals: 12 from UNH or 8 from other institution. *Cannot be taken while enrolled in another program.*	
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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Within 4 Years **Within 5 Years**	1. **Finalized Course Approval Form** *with guidance committee signatures* to Program Coordinator 2. **Candidacy Form** to Program Coordinator	All courses completed prior to candidacy	• **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.
By the end of year 5: Advance to Candidacy			
Within 8 Years	Student files *Intent to Graduate Form* with Graduate School (check deadline) and copy to NRESS		**Complete and Defend Dissertation** Advisor to notify Program Coordinator when student passes.