96-Hour Program, Year 3 (96.3)  
2015-2016 Deadlines and *Benchmarks*

**Fall Semester**

**Late Aug:** Syllabi to course director(s)

**Sept.-Oct:** *Conference Submissions (Regional)*

**Oct. 1:** Submit proposed plan of study (version 2.0) to DGS (verified by permanent advisor)

**Oct 19:** Mid-term grades due

**Nov-Dec:** Registration for Spring classes

*Select committee members (if changed)*

**Nov. 5:** First Friday Meeting with Dr. Poirot (time, TBA)

**Dec. 17:** Degree candidate final grades due

**Dec. 21:** Final grades due

*Engaged in @least 1 research project (self or with faculty)*

*Have attended or registered for at least 2 scholarly conventions*

**** Students may not leave for holiday break until after 5:00 p.m. Wed. December 16****

**Spring Semester**

**Mid-January:** Course syllabi due to course directors

Spring Orientation

**Feb.-March:** *Conference Submissions (at least 2, preferably national/international)*

**March 3-6:** Graduate Student Recruitment Weekend

**March 7:** Mid-semester grades due

**March 14-18:** Spring Break

**April:** Registration for Fall semester

Submit materials for Annual Review (due date TBA)

Submit Doctoral Degree Plan of Study to OGAPS  
(DUE @ least 90 days before preliminary exams)
Meet with advisor and committee to set up terms and expectations for preliminary exams.

**May 11:** Degree candidates grades due  
**May 16:** Final grades due

Coursework Completed (Thesis Option)

****Students may not leave for May/Summer break until after 5:00 p.m., May 10****

**Summer Semesters**

*Enroll in 6 hours (non-thesis option)*

Coursework Completed (non-thesis option)

Submit at least one first-authored manuscript for publication

**On the horizon:**

Preliminary Exams  
Dissertation Proposal  
High Impact Research/Teaching Experience