

Ph.D. Program Milestones and Guideposts

Year 1:

Guidepost:

- Work toward joining a research group

Milestone:

- Pass 3 courses per semester if a TA or 4 courses per semester if a Fellow with at least 50% B's or better
- Complete 6 core courses (PHYS 2010, 2030, 2040, 2050, 2060, 2140)

Year 2:

Guideposts:

- Begin research
- Complete PHYS2010 (or other core courses) if not taken during Year 1
- Complete at least 2 advanced courses

Milestones:

- Pass qualifying exam
- Complete 2nd Year Ethics Training
- Identify prelim committee

Year 3:

Guideposts:

- Continue research
- Complete remaining advanced courses

Milestone:

- Pass preliminary exam and advance to candidacy

Year 4+:

Guidepost:

- Complete thesis research

Milestone:

- Write and defend thesis