

Benchmark Timeline for PhD in Canadian Studies

Dates indicated are for full-time students who began in September 2024

Program Component	Duration	Start Date	Finish Date	
Course Work	8 months	1-Sep-24	30-Apr-25	YEAR 1
CAST 6000	8 months	1-Sep-24	30-Apr-25	
0.5 elective	4 months	1-Sep-24	30-Dec-24	
0.5 elective	4 months	1-Jan-25	30-Apr-25	
PhD Guidelines Section II				
Comprehensive #1	8 months	1-May-25	31-Dec-25	YEAR 2
Form Comp Committee	2 months	1-May-25	30-Jun-25	
Compile Reading List	2 months	1-May-25	30-Jun-25	
Preparation	5 months	1-Jul-25	30-Nov-25	
Written Exam		1-Dec-25	15-Dec-25	
Oral Exam		16-Dec-25	31-Dec-25	
PhD Guidelines Section III				
Comprehensive #2	8 months	1-Jan-26	30-Aug-26	YEAR 3
Form Comp Committee	2 months	1-Jan-26	28-Feb-26	
Compile Reading List	2 months	1-Jan-26	28-Feb-26	
Preparation	5 months	1-Mar-26	31-Jul-26	
Written Exam		1-Aug-26	15-Aug-26	
Oral Exam		16-Aug-26	30-Aug-26	
PhD Guidelines Section III				
Dissertation	24 months	1-Sep-26	31-Aug-28	YEAR 4
Form Dissertation Committee	3 months	1-Sep-26	30-Nov-26	
Dissertation Proposal Defence	3 months	1-Sep-26	30-Nov-26	
Dissertation Writing	19 months	1-Dec-26	30-Jun-28	
Dissertation Scheduling	6-8 weeks	1-Jul-28	15-Aug-28	
Dissertation Oral Defence		16-Aug-28	31-Aug-28	

PhD Guidelines Sections V, VI, VII

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