PhD Qualifying & Research Milestones
http://hst.mit.edu/academics/memp/degree-requirements/

**YEAR ONE**

February
- Submit TQE Contract: by Spring Registration Deadline

Summer
- Register for thesis research: HST.ThG *(you should register for thesis research credits in each term you actively working on research)*

**YEAR TWO**

Fall
- OQE Scheduling form due if taking January OQE (November 1)
- If taking the January OQE: meet with Qualifying Exam Chair, to discuss expectations and preparations for the exam.
- Submit Semi-Annual Progress Review **

January
- Option to take Oral Qualifying Exam, see HST calendar for exact dates

Spring
- Scheduling form due if taking Spring OQE (March 1)
- If taking the Spring OQE: meet with Qualifying Exam Chair, to discuss expectations and preparations for the exam.
- Option to take Oral Qualifying Exam, see HST calendar for exact dates
- **Letter of Intent 1** (due April 30)

**YEAR THREE**

Fall
- Scheduling form due if taking January OQE (November 1)
- If taking the January OQE: meet with Qualifying Exam Chair, to discuss expectations and preparations for the exam.

January
- Option to take Oral Qualifying Exam, see HST calendar for exact dates

Spring
- Scheduling form due for Spring OQE if not yet qualified (March 1)
- If taking the Spring OQE: meet with Qualifying Exam Chair, to discuss expectations and preparations for the exam.
- FINAL opportunity to take Oral Qualifying Exam, see HST calendar for exact dates
- **Letter of Intent 2** (due April 30)
YEAR FOUR

Fall
• Meet with thesis committee
• Option to defend thesis proposal

Spring
• Defend Thesis Proposal, if not done in fall
• Thesis Proposal (due April 30)

YEAR FIVE and BEYOND

Each Semester
• Register for HST.ThG
• Meet with thesis committee (min. once per term)
• Submit Semi-Annual Progress Review **

Final Semester
• Defend and Submit Final Thesis

** Semi-Annual Progress Review: Required each regular term (fall/spring) you are registered for HST.ThG, not required for summer.