

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 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.*