

Benchmarks and Timeline: HDFS PhD (MS completed in another program)

Benchmarks:	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		Metrics	
	Fa	Sp	Fa	Sp	Fa	Sp	Fa	Sp	Fa	Sp	Fa	Sp	Target	Maximum for satisf. progress
Human Subject Protection Training	█												During 1st semester	End of 1st semester
Required PhD Coursework	█	█	█	█	█								2 years (4 semesters)	2.5 years (5 semesters)
Preliminary Planning (Candidacy) Meeting													4th semester (last semester of PhD coursework)	5th semester (last semester of PhD coursework)
Prelim Defense													2.5 years (5 semesters)	3 years (6 semesters)
Dissertation Proposal Defense													1 semester after passing the prelims	1 year (2 semesters) after passing the prelims
Dissertation Defense													1 year (2 semesters) after dissertation proposal	1.5 years (3 semesters) after dissertation proposal

Fa=Fall Semester; Sp=Spring Semester. Assumes full-time study; part time students should create an individual plan with their advisor.

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