

TIMELINE FOR THE FAST-TRACK FROM ADMISSION TO ORAL COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Scenario 1 – Most Efficient

Option to attempt fast-track declared *during* first committee meeting.

You're
in!

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Admission recommended to GPS.

ACCEPTANCE INTO M.SC. PROGRAM for September

Course credit requirements: 9 credits
Registration in July/August for September admissions.

What are your next steps?

INITIAL MEETING WITH SUPERVISOR (Within 2 months of first registration)

- Research objectives and timelines are established;
- Thesis Committee members are determined;
- Letter of Understanding is completed.

1ST THESIS COMMITTEE MEETING (2nd term of study)

- September admissions: between March and June.
- **Prior to the meeting, student should inform his/her Thesis Committee of his/her intention to fast-track.** Student presents thesis project and results obtained.
- [Graduate Student's Research Progress Tracking Form](#) and minutes are completed by the academic advisor.

ORAL COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION (4th term of study)

Only M.Sc. students who PASS the oral comprehensive exam at the first attempt will be allowed to fast-track to become Ph.D. candidates. Further details on the oral comp exam are available on our web site.

FAST-TRACK IS RECOMMENDED/FAVORABLE ASSESSMENT

The recommendation must be clearly explained in the minutes and report of the first thesis committee meeting. Student receives detailed guidelines from the Division upon receipt of the Graduate Progress Tracking Report. Student proceeds to the oral comprehensive exam in 12 months.

COMP EXAM IS A **PASS**

Documentation of status change through SLATE admissions program.

COMP EXAM IS **NOT PASSED**.

Admission to the Ph.D. program (PhD 2)

- Follow-up thesis committee meeting no sooner than 4 months and no later than 6 months.
- Student submits MSc thesis before completion of 6th term.

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Scenario 2

Option to attempt fast-track declared *after* first committee meeting.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
Admission recommended to GPS.

ACCEPTANCE INTO M.SC. PROGRAM for September
Course credit requirements: 9 credits
Registration in July/August for September admissions.

What are your next steps?

You're in!

FIRST THESIS COMMITTEE MEETING (2nd term of study)

- September admissions: between March and June.
- Student has not yet decided to fast-track or has not yet obtained a favorable assessment to fast-track.

INITIAL MEETING WITH SUPERVISOR (Within 2 months of first registration)

- Research objectives and timelines are established;
- Thesis Committee members are determined;
- Letter of Understanding is completed.

SECOND THESIS COMMITTEE MEETING (3rd or early 4th term of study, January/February)

- Prior to the meeting, student should inform his/her Thesis Committee of his/her intention to [fast-track](#). Student presents thesis project and results obtained.
- [Graduate Student's Research Progress Tracking Form](#) and minutes are completed by the academic advisor.

FAST-TRACK IS RECOMMENDED/FAVORABLE ASSESSMENT

The recommendation must be clearly explained in the minutes and report of thesis committee meeting. Student receives detailed guidelines from the Division upon receipt of the Graduate Progress Tracking Report. Student proceeds to the oral comprehensive exam no later than beginning of June.

ORAL COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION (Must be passed before the application deadline of June 15 for fall admission)

Only M.Sc. students who PASS the oral comprehensive exam at the first attempt will be allowed to fast-track to become Ph.D. candidates. Further details on the oral comp exam are available on our web site.

COMP EXAM IS A PASS
Documentation of status change through SLATE admissions program.

COMP EXAM IS NOT PASSED.

Admission to the Ph.D. program (PhD 2)

- Follow-up thesis committee meeting no sooner than 4 months and no later than 6 months.
- Student submits MSc thesis before completion of 6th term.