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## TIMELINE FOR THE PH.D. FROM ADMISSION TO FINAL SUBMISSION

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE  
- Recommends admission

ACCEPTANCE INTO PH.D. PROGRAM  
(course credit requirements: 12/18 credits)  
- Registration in July/August for September admissions.  
- Registration in November/December for January admissions

What are your next steps?

1<sup>ST</sup> THESIS COMMITTEE MEETING (Year 1)  
September admissions: between the months of March and June; January: between September and December  
- Student presents thesis project and results obtained;  
- Graduate Student's Research Progress Tracking Form and Minutes are completed by the Academic Advisor.

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.

RESEARCH WORK  
CONTINUES

COMPREHENSIVE ORAL EXAMINATION (Year 2)  
- Student presents thesis project and results obtained;  
- Comprehensive knowledge is tested;  
- Graduate Student's Research Progress Tracking Form and Minutes are completed by the Academic Advisor.

THESIS COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Year 3 to ...)  
- Student presents thesis project and results obtained;  
- Graduate Student's Research Progress Tracking Form and Minutes are completed by the Academic Advisor.

FINAL THESIS COMMITTEE MEETING, at which time an outline of the proposed thesis is presented and discussed with the committee members and permission to write is obtained.

RESEARCH WORK  
CONTINUES  
Course work completed by  
Ph.D. 4 year

DEFENSE (Scheduled with the Division)  
REPORTS from reviewers are received  
within 4 weeks of initial thesis  
submission.

INITIAL THESIS SUBMISSION  
Procedures: <https://www.mcgill.ca/expmed/thesis-submission>  
Deadlines: <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/deadlines>  
\*Time limitation: end of Ph.D. 7

Congratulations!

FINAL THESIS SUBMISSION  
Procedures: <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/final-thesis-submission>  
Deadlines: <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/thesis/deadlines>