Pass First Qualifying Exam
Pass Second Qualifying Exam
Secure Dissertation Advisor
Specialty Exam
Final Defense

Satisfactory Progress Milestones

By beginning of fourth semester
By beginning of sixth semester
By end of sixth semester
By end of eighth semester

No more than 16 semester

Completed 54 credits *

1 month before request warrant
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Semester Milestones
1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th … 16th

Enrollment Requirements
At least two 700+
At least two 700+
At least one 700+
At least one 700+
At least three 700+ total

At least one 700+

At most two semesters of 990 (not including summers)

Minimums

TA: At least 6 credits per semester
RA: At least 8 credits per semester

Exactly 3 credits per semester

* including minor requirements and approved transfer credits