

PhD CANDIDACY EXAMINATION DEADLINES 2017-2018 For Transfer from Master's to PhD program

The following deadlines specify the last day in a given term for documentation to be submitted for transfer from Master's to PhD program. Please note: If you are currently enrolled in a PhD program, you do not need to adhere to these deadlines when scheduling your PhD Candidacy Examination. Please consult with your Graduate Program Director and Research Supervisor on when you should complete your PhD Candidacy Examination.

For the transfer from Master's to PhD program, this option is for exceptional students who have demonstrated superior academic credentials and outstanding research potential in their master's degree program. Applicants are considered on a case-by-case basis and may not be considered at all in some programs. If a transfer from a master's degree to a PhD degree is allowed in a program, the following criteria must be met before a transfer from a master's to a PhD program can be considered:

1. Completion of a full master's program of course work with at least an A-minus average.
2. Significant progress in the student's master's research project.
3. Strong evidence of ability for advanced independent research.
4. Approval of the transfer by the research supervisor(s), supervisory committee, the graduate program director and the dean of Graduate Studies.
5. Satisfactory completion of the PhD candidacy exam.

A judgment of satisfactory in the candidacy exam allows the student to transfer from a master's to a PhD. Upon transferring, the student must fulfill all other requirements for the PhD. If the judgment is unsatisfactory, the student will continue in the master's program. There will be only one examination allowed for the transfer from a master's to a PhD.

Documentation may be submitted or oral exams conducted at any time prior to these deadlines, provided the time frames specified in the Graduate Studies Policies and Procedures are observed. (See summary below and section 3.8 in the Graduate Academic Calendar.)

Tasks and submission of documentation	# of weeks prior to candidacy examination
Appointment of candidacy committee members by GPD and approval by Dean of Graduate Studies	No less than 5
Submission of thesis proposal by student to program office and distribution by GPD to members of candidacy committee	No less than 4
Review of thesis proposal by members of PhD candidacy committee	No less than 4
Submission of copies of candidacy committee members' reports to student	At time of oral examination

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	DEADLINE: To complete PhD candidacy exam by the end of <u>fall term</u> <u>2017</u>	DEADLINE: To complete PhD candidacy exam by the end of <u>winter</u> <u>term 2018</u>	DEADLINE: To complete PhD candidacy exam by the end of <u>summer</u> <u>term 2018</u>
Last day for GPD to submit <i>Appointment of PhD Candidacy Committee</i> form to Office of Graduate Studies	October 30, 2017	February 26, 2018	June 25, 2018
Last day for student to submit thesis proposal to program office for distribution to candidacy committee members	November 6, 2017	March 5, 2018	July 3, 2018
Last day for oral examination in current term.	December 11, 2017	April 9, 2018	August 7, 2018
Last day for submission of <i>PhD Candidacy Committee Decision</i> form to Office of Graduate Studies Grade (satisfactory or unsatisfactory) entered by home faculty.	December 18, 2017	April 23, 2018	August 20, 2018

Successful students should official apply to the PhD program upon receiving results. The Office of Graduate Studies will move your application to the applicable term.