

Checklist of normal progress and deadlines for the Ph.D. in Chemical Physics

- ☐ During the orientation period: Plan a course program in consultation with the TMC.
- ☐ November 8th: (for students requiring summer support from the Chemistry Department): Choose a permanent research advisor and submit "Choice Form: Research Advisor and Type of Written Preliminary Examination".
- ☐ End of first year: Should have a GPA of 3.0 and have completed at least 14 credits of graduate-level courses (excluding research credits) with a grade of B or better.
- ☐ Third Monday in August: Select Paper for Part 2 of Written Preliminary Exam (if chemical physics format was chosen) and submit Written Preliminary Exam Abstract (all) with suggestions for members of the preliminary exam committee.
- ☐ Friday of the third week of Fall Semester: Submit "Request for Approval of a Graduate Program" and "Degree Program Form".
- ☐ Monday of the tenth week of Fall Semester: Hand in written preliminary examination papers, if chemical physics format was chosen
- ☐ Monday of the sixteenth week of Fall Semester: Hand in revised written preliminary examination papers (if necessary), if chemical physics format was chosen.
- ☐ End of January, second year: Written preliminary examination passed.
- ☐ Third week of February, second year: Oral preliminary exam taken.
- ☐ Last day of May intersession, second year: Oral preliminary exam passed.
- ☐ Fall semester, third year: (or the first semester after passing the oral preliminary exam): Submit "Thesis Proposal Form" and "Ph.D. Final Examination Committee Form". Start registering for the maximum number of doctoral thesis credits (ChPh 8888) each semester (14 cr/semester if not registering for other credits), until 24 credits have been accrued (thereafter, register for 1 thesis or graded credit per semester).
- ☐ May of third year: Present research seminar at the Chemistry Department Research Symposium. If not already on advanced FTE status, register for CHPH 8101, 1 cr., during this Spring semester.