

PhD Program Timeline

Year One

Semester 1

- Enroll in core courses
 - CHE 772 + 3 regular courses (total of 9-11 credit hours)
- Teach lab or recitation
- Attend 5 seminars
- Begin advisor interviews (blue sheet)
 - **Signing period:** November 1 – February 1

Semester 2

- Enroll in core classes
 - CHE 776 + 3 regular courses (total of 9-11 credit hours)
- Teach lab or recitation
- Attend 5 seminars
- Form advisory committee

Year Two

Semester 3

- 1st committee meeting
 - Within 1 month from start of classes
- Attend 5 seminars
- Enroll in full-time course load (CHE 790, advanced/specialty courses)

Semester 4

- Attend 5 seminars
- Enroll in full-time course load
 - CHE 790, advanced/specialty courses
- Submit one-page research pre-proposal
 - **Deadline:** April 15 (Fall admits)
 - **Deadline:** November 1 (Spring admits)

Year Three

Semester 5

- Enroll in 2 credits of CHE 757
- Written Research Proposal (WRP)
 - **Deadline:** August 15 (Fall admits)
 - **Deadline:** January 3 (Spring admits)
- Oral qualifying exam
 - Request to schedule the Oral Qualifying Exam with the Graduate School 2-weeks prior to exam
 - The oral exam can count as your 2nd committee meeting

Semester 6

- Enroll in 2 credits of CHE 767
- Continue to develop research

Year Four, Five+

- Schedule yearly committee meetings
- Register for CHE 767 each semester
- Continue to develop research
- Provide dissertation outline EACH time
- Follow the Graduation Checklist on our website