

Timeline for Ethnic Studies Department six year graduate course of study
Students may take longer or shorter amounts of time at different stages of the program

First year

- Complete core coursework: ETST 200 (Fall), ETST 201 (Winter), ETST 203 (Spring)
- Fall quarter: Take the professionalization proseminar (ETST 405)
- Complete three quarters of the colloquium (ETST 289)
- Meet once per quarter with your first year advisor
- Begin thinking about your three areas of inquiry (three fields) for second year written exam
- By end of Fall quarter: Complete *mandatory* asynchronous UCR T.A. orientation via Canvas
-Self-enroll at <https://elearn.ucr.edu/enroll/M9D7LX>
-For a link to a tutorial on how to self-enroll, see <https://tadp.ucr.edu/ta-training/orientation>
- Winter quarter: Begin working as a Teaching Assistant for the department
- *Optional*: Choose a chair for your written exam
- *Optional*: Apply for external fellowships for graduate study

Second year

- Continue as a teaching assistant for the department
- Complete three quarters of the colloquium (ETST 289)
- Decide on your three areas of inquiry for your written exam
- By end of Fall quarter: Choose a chair for your written exam
- Choose two other faculty to advise areas for your written exam
- Take seminars or directed study courses with professors who will be on your exam committee
- Complete coursework (elective courses)
- By end of Winter Quarter: Degree audit with GSAO to make sure you have fulfilled the requirements for MA degree
- By end of Spring Quarter: Take written exam (written)
- *Optional*: Present at a graduate student conference or another small, local conference
- *Optional*: Apply for external fellowships for graduate study; conduct dissertation research

Third year

- Continue as a teaching assistant for the department
- Enroll in ETST 290 courses throughout the year to prepare for oral exam and prospectus
- Recruit five people for your oral exam committee, including 1 chairperson and 1 outside member (can be any CHASS faculty—need not be a specialist in your topic)
- Write dissertation prospectus
- Present at an academic conference (graduate, local, or national)
- By end of Winter Quarter: Degree audit with GSAO to make sure you have fulfilled the requirements to go ABD
- By end of Spring Quarter: Take oral exam (present prospectus)—go ABD
- Choose three dissertation committee members (need not fully replicate oral exam membership)
- *Optional*: Apply for external fellowships for graduate study; conduct dissertation research

Fourth year

- Continue as a teaching assistant for the department
- Enroll in dissertation units
- Conduct dissertation research (fieldwork, participant-observation, archival, etc.)
- Present at an academic conference (local or national)
- *Optional:* Apply for dissertation fellowships (Fall applications)

Fifth year

- Enroll in dissertation units
- Begin writing dissertation
- Present at an academic conference (local or national)
- *Optional:* Apply for jobs and/or dissertation and postdoctoral fellowship (Fall applications)

Sixth year

- Enroll in dissertation units
- Write dissertation
- Apply for academic jobs and postdoctoral fellowship (Fall applications)
- Present at an academic conference (local or national)
- Schedule dissertation defense (Spring quarter)