



Learning Design and Leadership Exam-Dissertation Sequence: An Iterative Approach Leading to your Final Dissertation

Key Requirements Timeline

This document outlines deadlines to earn a passing grade and/or graduate within a specific semester.

Six Course Exam-Dissertation Sequence

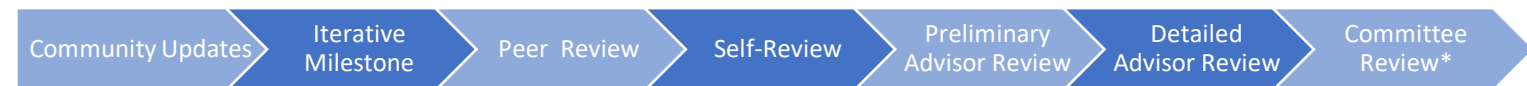


Each step involves milestones leading to the final dissertation



Iterative and Cumulative Contributions and Review Process

Repeated for each step and milestone in the sequence



Timeline Notes:

- This does not articulate every single step in the process, only the key items that would warrant a deadline.
 - Don't forget about forms that you need to fill out!**
- The following schedules align with the University's term schedule and the Graduate College's Thesis deposit deadlines.
- You are not penalized for late submissions, however, if missed, you will need to adjust your goal dates accordingly.**
- You must wait to submit a milestone revision until after you have received all of your peer reviews (about 2 weeks).

General and Special Research Field Seminars and Exams

| | Spring 1 - 2023 | Spring 2 - 2023 | Fall 1 - 2023 | Fall 2 - 2023 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>First Day of the Term</i> | 1/17/2023 | 3/20/2023 | 8/20/2023 | 10/17/2023 |
| <i>SAMPLE DATES for self-managed deadlines</i> | | | | |
| Prefix 0 Admin and Individual Updates | 1/4/2023 | 2/28/2023 | 8/9/2023 | 10/4/2023 |
| Schedule an appointment with the Dissertation Advisor | 1/4/2023 | 2/28/2023 | 8/9/2023 | 10/4/2023 |
| Prefix 1 or 2 Admin Updates | 2/1/2023 | 3/28/2023 | 9/6/2023 | 11/1/2023 |
| Submit General Field or Special Field Literature Review for Peer Review | 2/22/2023 | 4/18/2023 | 9/27/2023 | 11/22/2023 |
| Submit General Field or Special Field Literature Review Revisions for Preliminary Advisor Review | 3/10/2023 | 5/4/2023 | 10/13/2023 | 12/8/2023 |
| Submit General or Special Field LR for Detailed Advisor Review | 3/19/2023 | 5/13/2023 | 10/22/2023 | 12/17/2023 |
| Submit General Field or Special Field Literature Review for examination | 3/10/2023 | 5/4/2023 | 10/13/2023 | 12/8/2023 |

Forms: <https://ldlprogram.web.illinois.edu/dissertation/courses/forms/>



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Methods (EPOL 588) and Preliminary Examination (EPOL 591)

See also Theory and Methodology Outline: <https://ldlprogram.web.illinois.edu/dissertation/courses/theory-methodology>

See also Preliminary Exam Outline: <https://ldlprogram.web.illinois.edu/dissertation/courses/preliminary-exam>

| Prelim Exam Presentation Goal Date | 3/8/2023 | 4/12/2023 | 5/17/2023 | 6/19/2023 | 8/23/2023 |
|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Prefix 3 Admin & Individual Updates | 11/11/2022 | 12/16/2022 | 1/20/2023 | 2/22/2023 | 4/28/2023 |
| Methods Part 1 Due for Peer Review | 11/21/2022 | 12/26/2022 | 1/30/2023 | 3/4/2023 | 5/8/2023 |
| Methods Part 2 Due for Peer Review | 12/12/2022 | 1/16/2023 | 2/20/2023 | 3/25/2023 | 5/29/2023 |
| Methods Part 3 Due for Peer Review | 1/2/2023 | 2/6/2023 | 3/13/2023 | 4/15/2023 | 6/19/2023 |
| IRB Paperwork Submitted to Faculty Advisor for Signature | 1/2/2023 | 2/6/2023 | 3/13/2023 | 4/15/2023 | 6/19/2023 |
| Prefix 4 Admin & Individual Updates | 1/6/2023 | 2/10/2023 | 3/17/2023 | 4/19/2023 | 6/23/2023 |
| Chapters 1-3 Due for Peer Review | 1/13/2023 | 2/17/2023 | 3/24/2023 | 4/26/2023 | 6/30/2023 |
| Chapters 1-3 Due for Advisor Review | 1/23/2023 | 2/27/2023 | 4/3/2023 | 5/6/2023 | 7/10/2023 |
| Chapters 1-3 Advisor Approval | 2/5/2023 | 3/12/2023 | 4/16/2023 | 5/19/2023 | 7/23/2023 |
| Prelim PPT Due for Advisor Review | 2/5/2023 | 3/12/2023 | 4/16/2023 | 5/19/2023 | 7/23/2023 |
| Chapters 1-3 Due to Committee <small>[advisor will send to committee]</small> | 2/8/2023 | 3/15/2023 | 4/19/2023 | 5/22/2023 | 7/26/2023 |
| IRB Approval Due | 2/8/2023 | 3/15/2023 | 4/19/2023 | 5/22/2023 | 7/26/2023 |
| Prelim Peer Presentation | 3/7/2023 | 4/11/2023 | 5/16/2023 | 6/18/2023 | 8/22/2023 |
| Prelim Exam Presentation Goal Date | 3/8/2023 | 4/12/2023 | 5/17/2023 | 6/19/2023 | 8/23/2023 |



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Final Examination (EPOL 599)

Important!

- These dates are no later than dates – try to submit things sooner to avoid unnecessary challenges
- You should plan on a full term to revise your Chapters 4 and 5 based on advisor feedback
- Your advisor must approve of your final dissertation at least four weeks before your desired final defense date
- You can register for 599 in any increment (0 to 8 credits per semester). You must receive approval to register.

Resource: Final Dissertation LDL Web Page: <https://ldlprogram.web.illinois.edu/dissertation/courses/final-dissertation/>

Additional Defense Dates: Earlier defense dates will be scheduled for those who are ready sooner

| Desired Graduation Semester | Spring 2023 | Summer 2023 | Fall 2023 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Prefix 5 and 6 Admin Updates | 12/3/2023 | 3/1/2023 | 8/1/2023 |
| Chapter 4 Due for Preliminary Advisor Review | 1/20/2023 | 4/15/2023 | 8/20/2022 |
| Final Defense PPT Due for Advisor Review | 1/20/2023 | 4/15/2023 | 8/20/2022 |
| Chapter 5 Due for Preliminary Advisor Review | 2/1/2023 | 5/1/2023 | 9/10/2023 |
| Final Revisions Due prior to Defense | 2/26/2023 | 5/15/2023 | 9/30/2023 |
| Final Thesis Advisor Approval Due prior to defense <i>[advisor will send to committee]</i> | 2/28/2023 | 5/16/2023 | 10/4/2023 |
| Peer Final Defense Presentation | 3/20/2023 | 6/8/2023 | 10/15/2023 |
| Final Exam Presentation Goal Date | 3/28/2023 | 6/13/2023 | 10/31/2023 |
| Add name to degree list | 4/2/2023 | ~7/2/2023 | 11/5/2023 |
| Final Examination Graduate College No Later Than Date | 4/7/2023 | ~7/1/2023 | ~11/10/2023 |
| Final Thesis for Advisor Review after Final Exam | 4/6/2023 | ~7/6/2023 | 11/10/2023 |
| Final Thesis for Department Review <i>Note that we do not control how quickly they provide you with feedback</i> | 4/10/2023 | ~7/10/2023 | ~11/16/2023 |
| Final Thesis for Grad College Review <i>Note that we do not control how quickly they provide you with feedback</i> | 4/14/2023 | ~7/15/2023 | ~11/25/2023 |
| Fully Approved for Deposit by Graduate College No Later Than Date | 4/21/2023 | ~7/20/2023 | 12/1/2023 |
| Submit final approved dissertation to the Dissertation Advisor for CGScholar publication | 4/21/2023 | ~7/20/2023 | 12/1/2023 |

Refer to the Thesis Office Calendar for the full list of Graduate College-specific timelines: <https://calendars.illinois.edu/list/3259>