

Recommended Timeline Creative Writing PhD Students

First Year

- Find a Director of Supervisory Committee.
- Form Supervisory Committee and hold initial meeting.
- Discuss Field and Focus areas for Comprehensive Examination component.
- Discuss Dissertation subject and genre.
- *Optimal*: Have one or both reading lists approved by the Graduate Committee.

Second Year

- Complete course work.
- *Fall*: Have both Focus and Field Reading lists approved by Graduate Committee.
- *Spring*: Complete one of Comprehensives.
- Work on Dissertation.
- *Optimal*: Complete second Comprehensive in summer and have Capstone Oral as soon as school starts.

Third Year

- Complete Comprehensives in Fall.
- Become Candidate (having completed Comprehensives and Capstone Oral).
- Work on Dissertation.
- *Optimal*: Complete Dissertation and defend and submit for publication.

Fourth Year

- Prepare to go on Job market.
- Attend all meetings, mock interviews, etc. organized by the Department's Job Placement Group.
- Update CV.
- Write application letters.
- Apply for jobs.
- Work on publications.
- Complete Dissertation and submit for publication.
- *Note*: your Director must be able to state when and if your dissertation is done and approved for the job recommendation.

Fifth Year

- Apply for jobs.
- Apply for national fellowships: Stegner, Wisconsin, etc.
- Continue to write and publish.
- Graduate with Ph.D. in hand.