Ph.D. Musicology General Calendar

First year

Week before classes
• Orientation
• Language exams
• Diagnostic exam
• Choose courses for the fall

Fall semester
• Seminars
• Language study, as necessary
• Choose courses for the spring
• Meet with the DGS at least once

Spring semester
• Seminars
• Language study, as necessary
• Meet with the DGS at least once
• Begin thinking about Special Committee Chair
• Participate in prospective student visits
• Choose courses for the fall

Summer
• Language study, as necessary
• Identify Special Committee chair; file necessary form; with the chair, choose other committee members

Second year

Fall semester
• Special Committee Chair must be selected by the beginning of the semester, and the rest of the committee by the end
• Seminars
• Complete language exams
• Teaching
• Meet with Special Committee at least once
• Choose courses for the spring
**Spring semester**
- Seminars
- Teaching
- Meet with Special Committee at least once
- Participate in prospective student visits
- A Exam - General preparation, especially for those entering in Fall 2014 and later
- Choose courses for the fall

**Summer**
- A Exam preparation

**Third year**

**Immediately prior to the beginning of the Fall semester**
- A Exam - General for those entering in Fall 2014 and later

**Fall semester**
- Seminar(s)
- Teaching
- Meet with Special Committee at least once
- Prepare for A Exam (Fall 2013 and earlier)
- Choose course(s) for spring

**Spring semester**
- For those entering in Fall 2013 and earlier, complete at least the Generals Exam; ideally the Special Areas exam will also be completed during this semester; the Special Areas exam must be scheduled at least seven days in advance and the report must be filed within three days of the exam – consult the grad field assistant for help (see [http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/forms](http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/forms) for required forms)
- For those entering in Fall 2014 and later, Special Areas exam preparation and completion; this exam must be scheduled at least seven days in advance and the report must be filed within three days of the exam – consult the grad field assistant for help (see [http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/forms](http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/forms) for required forms)
- Meet with Special Committee at least once
- Seminar(s)
- Teaching
- Participate in prospective student visits
• Work on dissertation proposal

**Summer**
• For those entering in Fall 2013 and earlier, complete the Special Areas exam, if not completed during the previous semester
• Dissertation proposal

**Fourth year**

**Fall semester**
• Dissertation proposal must be accepted
• Meet with Special Committee at least once
• Teaching
• Possible seminar
• Dissertation research and writing

**Spring semester**
• Teaching
• Dissertation research and writing
• Meet with Special Committee at least once
• Participate in prospective student visits
• Possible seminar

**Summer**
• Dissertation research and writing

**Fifth year**

**Fall semester**
• Dissertation research and writing
• Meet with Special Committee at least once
• Possible FWS assistantship
• Possible Randel fellowship

**Spring semester**
• Dissertation research and writing
• Meet with Special Committee at least once
• Participate in prospective student visits
• Possible FWS assistantship
• Possible Randel fellowship
Summer

- Dissertation research and writing
- Possible dissertation defense; defense (B Exam) must be scheduled at least seven days in advance and the report must be filed within three days of the exam – consult the grad field assistant for help (see http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/forms for required forms)

Sixth year

- Possible Randel fellowship
- Dissertation defense