

APPENDIX ONE: Sociology Graduate Program: Five-Year Plan Template

Year 1 Fall 1	Class Requirements: Proseminar I, Classical Theory, Linear Regression, Elective 1, Apply for NSF GRFP or other fellowships Choose advisor (may change later)
Spring 1	Class Requirements: Proseminar II, CDA, Research Methods, Elective 2, MA thesis proposal hearing by end of April (Apply for MA research grants if necessary)
Summer 1	MA research
Year 2 Fall 2	Class Requirements: Contemporary Theory, Elective 3, Elective 4 MA Research and Writing
Spring 2	Class Requirements: Advanced Methods, Elective 5, Elective 6 Defend MA thesis by May Year 2
Summer 2	Complete coursework audit; Prepare for Area Exams Revise MA or other manuscript to submit to a journal
Year 3 Fall 3	MA Presentation in September Area Exams Complete MA/article revisions and submit to a journal Conference presentation (Fall or Spring)
Spring 3	Dissertation proposal defense Grant applications for Diss. Research (if necessary)
Summer 3	Dissertation research Prepare a class to teach
Year 4 Fall 4	Dissertation research Prepare and submit second article (Diss. or other) Fall or Spring
Spring 4	Dissertation research Teach a class (Fall or spring)
Summer 4	Dissertation research and writing Prepare job market materials
Year 5 Fall 5	Dissertation research and writing Job applications
Spring 5	Dissertation writing
Summer 5	Dissertation defense