

ASEC Department - Suggested Graduate Program Timelines

Master's Degree w/ Thesis ++

Requirements: 33 course credits, must include at least 6 research credits

	Fall	Spring	Summer
FIRST YEAR	8-12 Credits Must include ASEC 64400 Seminar	8-12 Credits Identify Committee Convene Plan of Study (POS) meeting POS Submitted Proposal Committee Meeting	6-9 Credits
SECOND YEAR	8-12 Credits Finalize POS -- (One Semester before Graduation) Proposal Committee Meeting	8-12 Credits Include Research Credits	6-9 Research Credits Thesis Defense*
THIRD YEAR	Thesis Defense*		

Ph. D. w/ Master's Degree ++

Requirements: 90 course credits (**30 credits from M.S. Degree), must include at least 12 research credits

	Fall	Spring	Summer
FIRST YEAR	8-12 Credits Must include ASEC 64400 Seminar	8-12 Credits Identify Committee Convene POS meeting POS Submitted (2 nd , 3 rd , or 4 th semester)	6-9 Credits
SECOND YEAR	8-12 Credits	8-12 Credits Update POS Committee Meeting	6-9 Credits Preliminary Exam Completed+ (Written & Oral)
THIRD YEAR	8-12 credits Dissertation Research Proposal Completed* Proposal Committee Meeting Preliminary Exam Completed+ (Written & Oral)	Dissertation Research 8-12 Credits Preliminary Exam Completed+ (Written & Oral)	Dissertation Research 6-9 Credits
FOURTH YEAR	Dissertation Research 8-12 Credits (if needed) or Dissertation Defense* Finalize POS -- (One Semester before Graduation)	Dissertation Research 1-12 Credits (if needed) or Dissertation Defense	

* The dates are the end dates; exceptions or changes are made with approval from your advisor and committee.

+ Upon passing Preliminary Exam, student becomes a Doctoral Candidate.

** The 30 credits must be approved by the student's graduate committee.

++ Students on assistantship must maintain full-time enrollment status.