

SEMESTER 1

Enroll in two courses. One course must be the Proseminar (PHIL610).

If admitted without any deficiencies, the other could be any additional course at either the 500- or 600-level.

If admitted with deficiencies, the other course(s) should be ones that rectify these deficiencies post haste. Please see the Graduate Advisor to plan a course of study.

You may take the BQE this semester.

At any time after your first semester, you may take an official 1- or 2-semester leave-of-absence with approval of the Graduate Advisor.

Note that any unauthorized break in continuous enrollment will cause you to be dropped from the program.

SEMESTER 2

Enroll in three or more courses. One or more should be at the 600-level.

It may also be possible to take courses in the Summer (particularly PHIL599); check with the Graduate Advisor to plan your program of study.

You must take the BQE this semester.

Begin thinking about whether to pursue the thesis or the comprehensive exam option. Once decided, write a prospectus that describes your thesis/exam project and outlines your agenda/timeline. Templates for the exam option and signature page, and examples from previous students, are available from the Graduate Advisor.

Obtain a current TT/T faculty member in Philosophy at CSULB to serve as the chair of your thesis or exam project. Two additional committee members must also be obtained. At least one must be a current TT/T faculty member in Philosophy at CSULB to serve as the chair of your thesis or exam project. All committee members must approve and sign off on the prospectus. Submit prospectus to the Department for final faculty approval.

SEMESTER 3

Enroll in three or more courses. One or more should be at the 600-level.

You must pass the BQE this semester.

File graduation paperwork at Enrollment Services.

Meet with Graduate Advisor to file advancement to candidacy paperwork.

SEMESTER 4

Enroll in two or more courses.

Students pursuing the thesis option may enroll in up to 6 units of PHIL698. Students pursuing the comprehensive exam option may enroll in 3 units of PHIL697.

Other units may be filled out from various courses at the 500- and 600-level.

If enough units have already been achieved to receive the degree, students may elect to take GS700.

Write thesis / exams.

If pursuing the thesis option, schedule the oral defense of thesis with committee.

Submit thesis to Dean's office / Library Thesis office pending committee approval.