

**TABLE 1. Timelines of acceptable student progress to degree; motivated students can progress more rapidly.** <sup>+</sup>Students failing to schedule their CE by this deadline will have the exam scheduled by the Graduate Chair. <sup>#</sup>Students failing to meet these deadlines will be dismissed from the program. Note that students may petition the Graduate Chair to extend deadlines for extenuating circumstances.

<b>Month</b>	<b>M.S.</b>	<b>Ph.D. w/o MS en route</b>	<b>Ph.D. w/ previous MS in Oceanography from UH</b>
9	Advancement to Candidacy (Form I) Select Thesis committee (Form II)	Pre-candidacy progress (Form I)	Pre-candidacy progress (Form I) <sup>+</sup> Form CEC and schedule Comprehensive Exam
11	----	----	Draft dissertation proposal to CEC
12	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Student Presentation Approval of Research Prospectus (Form II)	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Student Presentation	<sup>#</sup> Comprehensive Exam 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Student Presentation
14	----	----	Form and meet with Dissertation Committee
18	----	----	<sup>#</sup> Approval of Dissertation proposal (Form II) Advance to Ph.D. candidacy
24	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Presentation, Field, Seminar & Computer Requirements; complete coursework	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Presentation, Field, Seminar & Computer Requirements; complete coursework	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Presentation
27	----	<sup>+</sup> Form CEC and schedule Comprehensive Exam	----
29	----	Draft dissertation proposal to CEC	----
30	Final Examination and Approval of Thesis (Form III)	<sup>#</sup> Comprehensive Exam	----
32		Form and meet with Dissertation Committee	----
36		3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Student Presentation <sup>#</sup> Approval of Dissertation proposal (Form II) Advance to Ph.D. candidacy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Student Presentation
42		----	Submit First Dissertation Draft
45		----	Final Examination (Form IIIA)
48		4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Student Presentation	Complete Dissertation
66		Submit First Dissertation Draft	
69		Final Examination (Form III)	
72		Complete Dissertation	

Please note: Ph.D. w/o MS en route is also Ph.D. with required coursework. Ph.D. w/ previous MS in Oceanography from UH is also Ph.D. without required coursework.