

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS – SAMPLE INFORMATION

FROM STATISTICS:

What is satisfactory progress?

The absolute minimum criteria for satisfactory progress include:

- Maintain a grade point average of no less than 3.50 in all graduate course work. GPA is calculated at the end of each semester.
- No final grades below a “B” in major concentration or core methods courses.
- Students may not carry more than two “incompletes” at any time.
- Successfully complete the research presentation requirement by the end of the fourth semester.
- Successfully complete both written and oral portions of a comprehensive examination within four years of starting the Ph.D. program. Students must take comprehensive exams no more than 6 months after completing course work requirements.
- A formal dissertation proposal must be written, submitted, and approved (by all dissertation committee members). Approval must be gained no more than 6 months after the completion of the comprehensive exams.
- Satisfactory progress must be made toward completion of the dissertation. If a student has not successfully defended the dissertation within three years of passing the comprehensive exam she or he can be deemed as not making satisfactory progress.

FROM SOIL, WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES:

Satisfactory Progress Policy:

https://swes.cals.arizona.edu/system/files/SWES_Graduate_Progress_Policy_11_25_2014.pdf

- SWES graduate students are expected to enroll in and attend ENVS 595 Colloquia every regular semester and are expected to participate in the SWESX annual spring seminar.
- General graduate student concerns should be directed to one of the graduate student department representatives or to the SWES Director of Graduate Studies for specific concerns or questions.
- Graduate representatives are listed on the SWES website: <https://swes.cals.arizona.edu/graduateprogram/current-students>.
- New and continuing graduate students are expected to get together frequently with their major professor, individually or during lab meetings, to discuss their research and academic progress.
- All SWES theses and dissertations must be formatted and submitted to the UA Graduate College for archiving as part of the degree completion process.



FROM THE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY:

In Table 3, we detail an example plan of study for the five years of the Ph.D. program. Students are not bound to follow the structure verbatim. However, this is probably the most efficient pathway through the program. In the remainder of this section, we then discuss the main activities and requirements encountered in each year of the program.

Table 3.

YEAR	SEMESTER	UNITS	CLASSES TAKEN	LANDMARK ACTIVITY
First	Fall	9	POL580; POL582; Major	Paired with advisor
	Spring	9	POL681; Major; Minor .	
Second	Fall	9	POL682; Major; Minor	Plan of Study
	Spring	9	Major/Methods; Minor	Research project
	Fall	6+	Major; Major/Minor	
	Spring	6+	Major; Major/Minor	Comprehensive Exams
Fourth	Fall	6	POL920	Dissertation Prospectus
	Spring	6	POL920	Research for dissertation
Fifth	Fall	3	POL920	Write dissertation
	Spring	3	POL920	Defend dissertation