**Year 3 Roadmap**

By the end of the spring term of your third year, you should have:

- ☐ Started taking dissertation units (HPHY 603) *if you have advanced to candidacy*
- ☐ Finished at least 81 units of coursework total (minimum 9 per quarter for three quarters)
- ☐ Fulfilled GE assignments (instructional and/or research) for ~20 hrs/week for three terms
- ☐ Completed your candidacy exam if you have not already
- ☐ Begun research on your dissertation topic
- ☐ Submit grants and scholarship/fellowships and travel awards
- ☐ Draft & submit abstracts to regional/national meetings as allowed by data & funding availability.

**Sample coursework schedule, Year 3**

**Completed candidacy exam:**

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**Milestones by term, Year 3**

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<td>Draft IRB/IACUC documents for approved dissertation projects</td>
<td>Begin data collection if study is approved by IRB/IACUC</td>
<td>Continue collecting data, literature, and writing</td>
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<td>Middle of term</td>
<td>Find and apply for relevant funding opportunities</td>
<td>Find relevant conferences to present your work and network</td>
<td>Continue collecting data</td>
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<td>End of term</td>
<td>Meet with DAC to discuss progress and next steps</td>
<td>Plan for how your research will proceed (or not) over the summer</td>
<td>Begin writing up data (e.g., methods, preliminary analyses)</td>
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**Important Paperwork & Forms**

- At the beginning of the term that you will start your candidacy exam, download and fill out the [PhD Candidacy Exam Application](#) form
  - You will need to send the application and your approved Aims page to the Graduate Coordinator no later than Week 5
- When you have passed your candidacy exam, your committee will submit the [PhD Candidacy Exam Results](#) form to the DGS and Graduate Coordinator
- Familiarize yourself with the [Research Administration Portal (RAP)](#) and the forms you are required to submit for approval by the Institutional Review Board (human subjects research) and/or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (animal model research)
- Consider using some of the [proposal writing resources for grad students](#) put together by the OVPRI
- Apply for scholarships and awards using [this link](#).