

## Year 4+ Roadmap

By the end of the spring term of your fourth and subsequent years, you should have:

- Taken 27+ dissertation units (HPHY 603) each year
- Fulfilled GE assignments (instructional and/or research) for ~20 hrs/week for three terms
- Continued research on your dissertation topic
- Continued writing and reading widely
- Participated in OPT, GTFF, and other campus activities
- Networked at meetings and conferences
- Begun looking for next step opportunities: postdocs, industry positions, academic positions, etc.
- Submitted grants and scholarship/fellowships and travel awards
- Drafted & submitted abstracts to regional/national meetings as allowed by data & funding availability

Sample coursework schedule, Year 4+

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Research	HPHY 601 (9 cr.)	HPHY 601 (9 cr.)	HPHY 601 (9 cr.)

## Important Paperwork & Forms

- At the beginning of the term you are intending to graduate, email the Graduate Coordinator and let them know. Begin planning the date of your defense with your committee members.
  - By Week 2 of that term, submit your application for an advanced degree on GradWeb.
  - Ask the Graduate Coordinator to help you book a room for your defense.
  - 3-4 weeks before your defense, submit your application for oral defense on GradWeb.
    - This triggers emails that are sent to your committee members asking them to confirm their attendance at your defense.
  - 3 weeks before your defense, provide a full draft of your dissertation to your committee.
  - **Defend!** Your committee will give you feedback and revisions.
  - 2 weeks after your defense, upload the final version of your dissertation [to ProQuest](#).
  - These guidelines can be found on the [Division of Graduate Studies website](#).
- 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](#).