

GSSSH Milestones for PhD Programs

PhD Courses
Students must complete their course requirements;
- Students w/ MA Degree: no later than **4th** semester
- Students w/ BA Degree: no later than **6th** semester
Note: PhD students cannot take undergraduate courses to fulfill their course requirements. Undergraduate courses can be audited only

DYK May appoint new Jury if necessary
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Thesis Advisor
Assigned no later than **3rd** semester
(Appointed by DEPT, approved by EYK)
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Qualifying Exam:
by DYK twice a year
Deadline for taking the exam*:
- Students w/ MA Degree no later than **5th** semester
- Students w/ BA Degree no later than **7th** semester
Student loses scholarship & benefits in case of 2Us
(can be both for verbal and written exam)
***Special conditions subject to EYK approval**
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Student may re-take the exam with no scholarship and benefits. Student must pay tuition.

Makes another attempt (can be for both for verbal and written exams), if unsuccessful, student loses scholarship and benefits

Student may receive **NON- THESIS MA Diploma** (min. 30 credits required)

Student may transfer to a **THESIS MA Program**

Student may opt to leave the program

Thesis Monitoring Committee
Must be formed **1 month** after the Qual. Exam (Members appointed by EABD, approved EYK)
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Thesis Monitoring Meetings
Meetings start 6 months after the proposal defense. Progress tracked twice a yr (Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec) **If 2 consec Us or 3 Us in total**, student loses scholarship and benefits
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Thesis Proposal Defense
within **6 months** from passing Qual. Exam
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Makes a **2nd attempt** within 3 months w/ the same advisor, within 6 months with new advisor, if unsuccessful again, loses scholarship and benefits

Thesis Defense Jury
(Members appointed by DEPT, approved by EYK)
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Thesis Defense to Jury
within **1 month** from thesis submission by student
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Student Graduates

If Committee requires major corrections, thesis needs to be re-defended within 6 months. If student receives 2Us, loses scholarship & benefits

Thesis rejected
May choose another subject and defends thesis proposal. If student receives 2Us from thesis defense, loses scholarship & benefits

EYK: Enstitü Yönetim Kurulu

DYK: Doktora Yeterlik Komitesi/ PhD Qualifying Exam Committee. Must be at least 5 members; **at least 2 members must be outside of KU.**

Thesis Advisor: Must be KU Faculty Member. 2nd advisor, if necessary, needs to have a PhD. If the student has Co-advisors (eş danışman) then the Thesis Monitoring Committee must be 5 and thesis defense jury must be 7 members. Appointed by DEPT. Approved by EYK.

Thesis Monitoring Committee : 3 Faculty Members: Thesis advisor + 1 member from the department + 1 member from another department or from another University. 2nd advisor may attend meetings. Appointed by DEPT. Approved by EYK. Members of this committee must be affiliated with a University or an Academic Institution and must at least hold an Assistant Professor Degree.

Thesis Defense Jury: Thesis Monitoring Committee + 2 members. Thesis jury must have 2 Member's from another University. 2nd advisor may attend meetings. Jury must be appointed by The DEPT. Approved by EYK. Members of this committee must be affiliated with a University or an Academic Institution and must at least hold an Assistant Professor Degree.

S: Satisfactory

U: Unsatisfactory

