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Typical time line

Fall 1  Spring1  F2  S2  F3  S3  F4  S4  ≤ 5 years

Take breadth and depth courses
Pass qual exam

Take minor courses
Pass prelim exam

Write dissertation
Defend

Breadth courses

- You need all 3 bands
- Can’t use qual area row
- 3*≥700 or (2*≥700 + 2*≥500)
- All grades ≥ AB
- Complete by qual deadline (extension possible)

Qual exam

- 2 attempts
- Pass by qual deadline

Minor courses

- Option A (single department)
- Option B distributed (requires GAC approval)
- Complete by prelim deadline (extension possible)

Prelim exam

- Pass by prelim deadline (extension possible)

Everyone every semester: maintain SAP

- Minimum enrollment: 6 (TA/PA), 3 (dissertator or part-load), 8 (other)
- Have course form signed by GAC
- GPA ≥ 3.0 (B average)

How CS works, approximately
(read your guidebook!)
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