

Academic Milestones for Graduate Students in the School of Marine Science and Policy

Milestones for M.S. and M.M.P.	Time Limit
Approved Advisory Committee	Two semesters
Approved Thesis Proposal	Two semesters
Complete Required Courses & Credits	Before graduation
Six Credits MS Thesis or Three Credits MMP Analytical Paper	Before graduation
Defend Thesis or Analytical Paper	Six semesters
Graduate	Six semesters
Milestones for Ph.D. with M.S.	Time Limit
Approved Advisory Committee	Three semesters
Approved Dissertation Proposal	Before fifth semester
Pass Qualifying Exam (both written and oral)	Before fifth semester
Complete Required Courses and Credits	Before graduation
Nine Credits Ph.D. Dissertation	Before graduation
Defend Dissertation	Eight semesters
Graduate	Eight semesters
Milestones for Ph.D. without M.S. (For students admitted directly into a Ph.D. program)	Time Limit
Approved Advisory Committee	Three semesters
Approved Dissertation Proposal	Before fifth semester
Pass Qualifying Exam (both written and oral)	Before fifth semester
Complete Required Courses and Credits	Before graduation
Nine Credits Ph.D. Dissertation	Before graduation
Defend Dissertation	Ten semesters
Graduate	Ten semesters
Milestones for Ph.D. with M.S. Bypass (students admitted to a M.S. program who are bypassing the M.S. degree)	Time Limit
Approved M.S. Advisory Committee	Two semesters
Approved M.S. Thesis Proposal	Two semesters
Approved Bypass Petition	Three semesters
Approved Ph.D. Advisory Committee	Three semesters
Approval of Ph.D. Dissertation Proposal	Before fifth semester
Pass Qualifying Exam(both written and oral)	Before fifth semester
Complete Required Courses and Credits	Before graduation
Nine Credits Ph.D. Dissertation	Before graduation
Defend Dissertation	Ten semesters
Graduate	Ten semesters