

PROGRESS CHART FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

URI Department of Chemistry

1 ST Semester	2 nd Semester	3 rd Semester	4 th Semester
Coursework (9 credits) Choose Advisor	Complete Coursework (6 credits) Safety Certification (1 credit) Begin Research	CHM 643 Program of Study/ Choose Committee ^[a]	Written Thesis Proposal
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		Qualifying Exams ^[b]	

5 th Semester	Subsequent Semesters	Penultimate Semester	Final Semester
CHM 642 Comprehensive Exam ^[c]	Research Progress Meetings ^[d]	Research Progress Meeting ^[e] CHM 644	Dissertation Defense
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^a Committee should meet to discuss planned research. (Optional, but highly recommended.)

^b Promotion to Level II. (Pay raise!)

^c A publication-worthy paper describing significant research progress is written by the student and orally defended before his/her committee. Promotion to Level III. (Pay raise!)

^d Student should orally describe research progress to dissertation committee at least once per year. (Optional, but highly recommended.)

^e Committee approves student to register for CM644 and to defend his/her dissertation.