

Dissertation Timeline

Yeates School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, PhD in Economics

Task	Date
Student chooses a dissertation supervisor.	Beginning of 3rd year
The student's supervisor, in consultation with the student, will appoint a Supervisory Committee (submit Supervisor Committee Nomination form to Program Administrator)	3rd year
Student works on their dissertation proposal	3rd year
Proposal is formally approved by the supervisor and committee (submit Dissertation Proposal to Program Administrator)	3rd year
At least once/year the committee will meet to discuss the student's progress	TBD by committee and student
The supervisor and committee will evaluate the readiness of the dissertation and make a recommendation to the Graduate Program Director (GPD) regarding the formation of a Dissertation Examining Committee.	12-24 weeks prior to exam
The External Examiner Nomination form and the Examining Committee Nomination and Approval form are completed, and all supporting documentation attached must be submitted by the Supervisor to the GPD	9-8 weeks prior to exam (no later than 7 weeks)
The External Examiner Nomination form and the recommended examining committee must be submitted by the GPD to the Dean YSGS for consideration and approval. This can be done earlier if the information and arrangements for the defence are fairly certain, and the External Examiner can be nominated and approved in advance.	8 weeks prior to exam (no later than 6 weeks)
A hard copy of the dissertation is distributed to the committee and External Examiner.	No later than 6 weeks prior to exam
Oral Examination	At least 4 weeks prior to deadline to clear graduation requirements
Student submits thesis/dissertation to the program administrator.	By the deadline to clear graduation requirements

Additional details, and all forms, can be found on the Graduate Economics website:

<https://www.torontomu.ca/graduate/student-guide/academic-matters/dissertation-thesis-exams/>