

# IGPEHD DOCTORAL DEGREE ROADMAP

**Credit requirement: 33**

**2 Compulsory Courses (total 6 credits):**

1. Research Methodology (3 credits)
2. Independent Studies (3 credits)

## YEAR 1

**Semesters 1 & 2:** Take core research courses and elective courses

## YEAR 2

### Semester 1:

Take compulsory course (Research Methodology).  
Decide on your thesis supervisor.

### Semester 2:

Take compulsory course  
(Independent Studies).  
Continue required coursework.

After completing 33 credits,  
apply for the  
Doctoral Qualifying Examination

Pass the written qualifying examination  
(or see Note below\*)

or\*

Apply for exemption based on  
SSCI, SCI, or A&HCI publication  
(see Note below\*)

Submit and defend  
your dissertation proposal

No earlier than four months after  
approval of the proposal,  
apply for the final dissertation oral defense

Pass the final dissertation oral defense  
and complete all degree requirements.  
Apply for graduation.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete at least 33 credits, including two compulsory courses.
2. Complete at least three courses within the selected major field.
3. Complete the required academic and research ethics training.
4. Pass the Doctoral Qualifying Examination or receive an approved exemption.
5. Participate in at least two international academic conferences.
6. Publish or have accepted at least one article in a peer-reviewed academic journal.
7. Complete the doctoral dissertation in English.
8. Pass the final dissertation oral defense and fulfill all graduation requirements.

### Note\* Doctoral Qualifying Examination Exemption

Students who have published (or have accepted) a research article in a journal indexed in SSCI, SCI, or A&HCI (as the first author or corresponding author) may apply for an exemption from the written qualifying examination in accordance with the Program's regulations.

- The application must be submitted during the period specified by the Program.
- The decision on exemption will be made by the Qualifying Examination Committee.
- Students who are granted exemption must still meet all other Program requirements.