

FOOD SCIENCE - DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Students will select classes with the help of their committee chair (major advisor) based on background and interests. Students are expected to complete their degree in three to four years but may be allowed up to seven years to complete the requirements. Candidates are paired with a committee chair from their department and then they select two other committee members, at least one must be from another department.

Ph.D. candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Completion of a minimum of 6 semesters with at least two occurring after the comprehensive exam.
- Maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0
- Completion of the degree within seven years of admission.
- Enrollment in at least 1 credit per semester, or 9 credits if on a GA.
- Enrollment in FSTE 6910 Doctoral Seminar, Doctoral Seminar, each year for three semesters.
- Gain experience as a teaching assistant for at least two semesters.
- Present a public seminar during FSTE 6910 Doctoral Seminar to be submitted as an oral or poster presentation at a regional/national or international conference.
- Have at least one refereed journal as the first author accepted for publication
- Yearly completion of Student Progress Review
- Successful completion of three exams:

1. Qualifying exam – completed by the end of the first year. Content to be determined by the Committee.

2. Comprehensive exam – The comprehensive examination consists of two parts: written and oral presentation of the research proposal. Students must pass the examination within 24 months of passing the qualifying examination and may not take 7000-level courses until both parts of the comprehensive examination have been passed.

3. Final oral exam – taken after completing all degree requirements, but not earlier than one month before completing six registration units. During this time, students are enrolled in 7000-level courses. The program of study must include a minimum of 18 credits of doctoral dissertation. There is a minimum period of one year between the comprehensive examination and the final oral examination ("dissertation defense").

Satisfactory completion of a dissertation under the supervision of the Committee.

Students should consult the Graduate School website for specific information regarding the completion of the degree and submission of the dissertation