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SUMMARY OF GOOD PROGRESS AND SATISFACTORY PROGRESS RULES

By End of	Good Progress	Satisfactory Progress* <i>(Determines ability to continue in program)</i>
Year 1	Candidacy (completion of qualifying exams in all three core areas)	
Year 2	Good progress toward field course requirements and draft 501 paper by July 31	Candidacy by end of Spring Quarter (no additional remediation period)
Year 3	Thesis Prospectus (successful thesis proposal defense and completion of all course work) by August 31	
Year 4	Certification by Committee Chair by July 31 of a written paper of suitable quality to form one chapter of a dissertation	Thesis Prospectus by end of Spring Quarter (deadline of the end of the Fall Quarter plus two quarters of probation)
Years 5, 6, 7 and 8	Annual certification by Committee Chair by July 31 of "good progress" on dissertation by July 31	Annual certification by Committee Chair of "good progress" on dissertation by July 31. Failure to return to good progress within two quarters of probation (until the end of following Winter Quarter) will lead to dismissal from program
Year 9		Thesis submission time limit. Students who have exceeded their time-to-degree deadline and cannot remediate within the two-quarter probationary period may petition for a one-time extension under certain circumstances.

* in addition to general TGS requirements on good academic standing and maintaining a 3.0 grade point average. Milestones are extended for students on an approved leave of absence or with approved parental accommodation.