

RECOMMENDED TIMELINE FOR MAPR GRADUATE STUDENTS

FIRST YEAR

Summer			Fall				Winter		Spring		
Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Prior to entering program:			First Semester:				Winter Break:		Second Semester:		
1. MAPR Orientation			1. Seminars/Courses (50%-60% time)				1. Research (100% time)		1. Seminars/Courses (40%-50% time)		
2. Registering for Courses			2. Research (30%-40% time)				- Drafting introduction section for thesis		2. Research (40%-50% time)		
3. Begin planning research lab experience with research mentor			- Planning thesis topic with research mentor and writing proposal for thesis				- Preparing materials for conference presentations		- Finalizing introduction section of thesis		
			- Accumulating research skills in mentor's lab				- Continuing to gain research lab experience		- Drafting methods section of thesis		
			- *Analyzing data and submitting abstracts for research conference deadlines						- Present work at research conference		
			3. Graduate Assistantship (0%-15% time)						- Continue to gain research lab experience		
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SECOND YEAR

Summer			Fall				Winter		Spring		
Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Summer Session:			Third Semester:				Winter Break:		Fourth Semester:		
1. Research (100% time)			1. Seminars/Courses (40% time)				1. Research (100% time)		1. Seminars/Courses (20%-30% time)		
- Finalizing introduction & methods section of thesis			2. Research (40%-50% time)				- Complete data collection for thesis		2. Research (50%-60% time)		
- Form thesis committee			- Hold Preliminary Orals (by September)				- Preparing materials for conference presentations		- Draft results & discussion sections of thesis		
- Submit Human Subjects application			- Collect data for thesis				- Continuing to gain research lab experience		- Present work at research conference		
- Draft of Preliminary Orals			- Analyzing data and submitting abstracts for research conference deadlines						- Draft & hold Final Orals (by mid-March)		
2. +Graduate School Apps (on own time)			3. Graduate Assistantship (0%-15% time)				2. Graduate Schools (on own time)		- Prepare thesis for publication		
- Research graduate schools			4. Graduate School Apps (on own time)				- Prepare for interviews		3. Graduate Assistantship (0%-15% time)		
- Study for GRE			- Complete & submit graduate school applications						4. Graduate Schools (on own time)		
- Draft personal statement			- Take GRE						- Complete interviews		
			- Gather letters of recommendaton & transcripts						- Prepare for new position		

* May differ base on conference deadlines for your research area;

+ Suggested timeline for students planning to apply for Ph.D. programs