

Milestones to a Ph.D. in Sociocultural/Linguistic Anthropology and Combined Programs Yale University

These milestones track with curricular changes agreed to in December 2020 and implemented beginning in 2021-22. Please refer to “Specific Requirements for Socio-Cultural and Linguistic Subfield” in the Anthropology Department Graduate Student Handbook for more detail.

Year 1

- SCL Anthropology introductory course sequence (Fall and Spring)
 - if with AFAM, also Racial Formations (Fall)
 - if with WGSS, also Introduction to WGSS (Fall), Introduction to Feminist and Queer Theory (Spring)
 - if with YSE, also Doctoral Seminar and begin YSE 759, 839, and 764 requirements
- Attend Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium (required)
- Elective courses
- Meet with advisor and advisory committee, with first meeting by end of first semester

Year 2

- ANTH 502
 - if with WGSS, WGSS 800 may substitute
- If with YSE, complete YSE 759, 839, and 764 requirements in Fall
- Attend Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium (required)
- Elective courses
- Prepare for and take qualifying examinations
 - if with YSE, prepare reading lists in Fall
 - if not with YSE, note deadlines for reading list submission in early Spring described in the Graduate Student Handbook
 - register for Exam Preparation in Spring
- If appropriate, qualified students may work as Teaching Fellows in Year 2
- Meet with advisor and advisory committee

Year 3

- Complete field paper and prospectus
 - if with AFAM, also Prospectus Colloquium
 - if with WGSS, also Dissertation Proposal Workshop
- Applications for external funding
- Work as Teaching Fellow
- Attend Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium (expected)
- Advance to candidacy and begin dissertation research / fieldwork
- Meet with advisor and advisory committee
- Be aware of GSAS policies on candidacy funding; consult with DGS as necessary

Year 4

- Dissertation research / fieldwork
- Communicate with advisor and others as appropriate

Year 5

- Be aware of GSAS policies on candidacy funding; consult with DGS as necessary
- Dissertation research and writing, to completion if appropriate
- Apply for jobs, postdocs, other opportunities
- Work as Teaching Fellow, or engage in fulltime writing on the UDF, as appropriate
- Attend Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium (expected)
- Meet with advisor and others as writing progresses

Year 6 (contingent on Graduate School approval - see [here](#) for guidelines and the “Graduate Curriculum” document for some common trajectories)

- Attend Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium (expected)
- Consult with adviser and expected dissertation committee as writing progresses
- Work as Teaching Fellow, or engage in fulltime writing on the UDF, as appropriate
- Complete and defend dissertation
- Apply for jobs, postdocs, other opportunities