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