

## Roadmap through the Ph.D. Program in Early Modern European History

### FIRST YEAR

Courses  
Seminar paper  
Language exam

#### Summer

Intensive language  
Prepare one orals field

### SECOND YEAR

Courses  
Second seminar paper  
Second language exam

#### Winter

Apply for Internships/TA-ships to be held in your third year in the program

#### Winter/Spring

If you think you don't need the whole summer to prepare your orals fields, apply for funding to conduct summer research in preparation for writing your dissertation proposal. That will make it easier for you to go abroad sooner.

#### Summer

Prepare your orals fields. That's priority number one. Everything else (except for essential language study) is optional.

If you have time, spend two weeks on research to prepare your dissertation proposal, and another two weeks to sketch a tentative dissertation proposal.

If you have time, prepare funding applications for dissertation research abroad to be conducted in your fourth year.

### THIRD YEAR

Teach two Internships/TA-ships  
Conduct research to finalize your dissertation proposal  
Present your work at workshops

#### Early Fall

If you drafted a dissertation proposal in the summer, use it as a foundation to apply for funding to conduct dissertation research abroad in your fourth year

**Fall**

Oral exam. (Note that, generally speaking, you are not allowed to serve as a TA or an Intern until after you have passed your oral exam. If you want to serve as a TA or Intern in the Fall of your third year, schedule your Orals for the very beginning of the Fall quarter.)

**Winter**

Apply for teaching positions to be held in your fourth year

**Winter/Spring**

Apply for summer research funding

**Spring**

Defend your dissertation proposal

**Summer**

Summer research and/or language training

**FOURTH YEAR**

**If you are going abroad to do research**

Conduct dissertation research abroad.  
Look for opportunities to present research at workshops and conferences.  
Network with other scholars to establish professional credibility and sources for future letters of recommendation.

**Winter**

Apply for teaching positions for next year

**Winter/Spring**

Apply for summer research funding

**Summer**

Work on a draft of a chapter or a paper and prepare it for publication as an article

**If you are staying in Chicago**

Conduct dissertation research in Chicago.  
Present research at workshops and conferences.  
Network with other scholars to establish professional credibility and sources for future letters of recommendation.  
Teach two internships/TA-ships or one lectureship.

**Early Fall**

Apply for funding for research abroad

**Winter/Spring**

Apply for summer research funding

**Summer**

Work on a draft of a chapter or a paper and prepare it for publication as an article

**FIFTH YEAR**

**If you are returning to Chicago from a year spent abroad**

Start writing your dissertation  
Teach two internships/TA-ships or one

**If you are going abroad to do research**

Conduct dissertation research abroad.  
Look for opportunities to present research at workshops and conferences.

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**SIXTH YEAR (FIFTH YEAR FOR UC FUNDING PURPOSES)**

<p>Write your dissertation Work on manuscripts for publication as articles or chapters in books Present research at workshops and conferences Teach a course as an independent lecturer</p> <p><b>Fall</b> Try to have a complete draft of your dissertation in hand by late Fall Go on the job market and apply for postdocs</p> <p><b>January</b> Attend the AHA convention with or without dissertation draft in hand</p> <p><b>Winter</b> Apply for teaching positions next year and summer</p> <p><b>Winter/Spring</b> Apply for dissertation write-up fellowships</p> <p><b>Spring/Summer</b> Defend dissertation if possible</p>
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**SEVENTH YEAR (SIXTH YEAR FOR UC FUNDING PURPOSES)**

<p>Write your dissertation Work on manuscripts for publication for publication as articles or chapters in books Present research at workshops and conferences Teach one or two courses as an independent lecturer</p> <p><b>Fall</b> Complete dissertation draft by late Fall Go on the job market and apply for postdocs</p>
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**January**

Attend AHA with dissertation draft in hand

**Winter**

Apply for teaching positions for next year

**Winter/Spring**

Apply for dissertation write-up fellowships

Apply for visiting assistant professorships

**Spring/Summer**

Defend dissertation if possible

**Fall**

Go on the job market and apply for post-docs

**And so on until you get a job ...**