

TRIP Doctoral Student Coursework and Degree Progress Flow Charts

36 credits of coursework are required for the doctoral degree. The flow chart below outlines progress with a goal of completing the degree in 5 years.

- Each option assumes a fall semester start date.
- The Graduate School and TRIP expect students take no more than two Independent Study courses (up to eight credits) when completing coursework.
- International Students and domestic students who need to be registered full time must be registered for at least nine credits for every semester of their studies.
- An independent study is a faculty-guided course centered on a student's research interests that align with the faculty's specialty.
- An elective refers to a graduate-level (500+) seminar course in TRIP or another relevant department that is approved by TRIP.

COURSEWORK

Note: Courses listed by name are required.

DISSERTATION PROJECT

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First Semester (9 credits): • Introduction to Translation Studies (4 credits) • Translation Workshop: Literary (4 credits) • TRIP First-Year Colloquium (1 credit)	• Identify possible topics for the project. • Plan electives, so coursework supports your dissertation project.
Second Semester (9 credits): • Translation Workshop: Non-Literary (4 credits) • Scholarly Methods in Translation (4 credits) • Independent study on a relevant topic (1 credit)	• Create an abstract for the dissertation project. • Engage faculty members in conversation on the dissertation project and identify mutual interests. • Obtain agreement from a faculty member to serve as your committee chair.
Third Semester (9 credits): • Elective, such as Computer-Assisted Translation (CAT) Tools or a translation studies topics seminar (4 credits) • Elective (4 credits) • Independent Study on a relevant topic, guided by a faculty member (1 credit)	• Share revised project abstract with faculty. • Begin preparations for the comprehensive exam in coordination with the committee chair.
Fourth Semester (9 credits): • Elective (4 credits) • Elective (4 credits) • Independent Study on a relevant topic, guided by a faculty member (1 credit) • Prospectus and Dissertation Writing workshop DONE WITH 36 CREDITS COURSEWORK	• Draft an abstract and detailed outline of the prospectus and review it with chair. • Add two committee members to form a complete committee. • Discuss exams and prospectus with committee members. • Make a plan to take the first comprehensive exam.

COURSE COMPLETE

Fifth Semester (1 credit):	• Take the first written exam • Prepare to take the second written exam
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• TRIP 698 (Pre-Dissertation Research) with committee chair (1 credit)	• Prepare a complete first draft of the prospectus
Sixth Semester (1 credit): • TRIP 698 (Pre-Dissertation Research) with committee chair (1 credit)	• Take second written exam • Revise prospectus based on feedback from the dissertation chair • Obtain approval from committee members that the prospectus indicates readiness to hold the oral exam • Schedule the oral exam and attain ABD status. <i>Note: Students can make use of the Summer and Winter terms to take exams, with committee approval.</i>
Seventh Semester (1 credit): • TRIP 699 (Dissertation Research) with committee chair (1 credit)	The expected speed for a conventional dissertation with six chapters: • Write two new chapters The expected speed for a dissertation that constitutes an analytical introduction plus translation: • Work with your chair to build a plan that works for your translation plan
Eighth Semester (1 credit): • TRIP 699 (Dissertation Research) with committee chair (1 credit)	The expected speed for a conventional dissertation with six chapters: • Write two new chapters • Revise two existing chapters. The expected speed for a dissertation that constitutes an analytical introduction plus translation: • Write a draft of the analysis that is a minimum fifty pages.
Ninth Semester (1 credit): • TRIP 699 (Dissertation Research) with committee chair (1 credit)	The expected speed for a conventional dissertation with six chapters: • Write two new chapters • Revise three existing chapters. The expected speed for a dissertation that constitutes an analytical introduction plus translation: • Revise translation • Revise analysis.
Tenth Semester Semester (1 credit): • TRIP 699 (Dissertation Research) with committee chair (1 credit)	The expected speed for a conventional dissertation with six chapters: • Revise every chapter for the second time. • Share the full draft with your committee. • Select an Outside Examiner (OE) with your chair; Work with TRIP to obtain approval for the OE. • Schedule the defense.

	• Committees commonly require revisions after the defense. The expected speed for a dissertation that constitutes an analytical introduction plus translation: • Revise the translation and analysis a second time. • Share the full draft with your committee. • Select an Outside Examiner (OE) with your chair; Work with TRIP to obtain approval for the OE. • Schedule the defense. • Committees commonly require revisions after the defense
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