

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.

<p><b>COURSEWORK</b></p> <p>Note: Courses listed by name are required.</p>	<p><b>DISSERTATION PROJECT</b></p> <p>Note: This is the recommended speed based on the experience of others and our expectations for quality work. Some students may work faster or slower; however, all students should be course complete by the end of their fourth semester except in extenuating circumstances (e.g. requiring a medical leave).</p>
<p>First Semester (9 credits):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Translation Studies (4 credits)</li> <li>• Translation Workshop: Literary (4 credits)</li> <li>• TRIP First-Year Colloquium (1 credit)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify possible topics for the project.</li> <li>• Plan electives, so coursework supports your dissertation project.</li> </ul>

<p>Second Semester (9 credits):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translation Workshop: Non-Literary (4 credits)</li> <li>• Scholarly Methods in Translation (4 credits)</li> <li>• Independent study on a relevant topic (1 credit)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an abstract for the dissertation project.</li> <li>• Engage faculty members in conversation on the dissertation project and identify mutual interests.</li> <li>• Obtain agreement from a faculty member to serve as your committee chair.</li> </ul>
<p>Third Semester (9 credits):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elective, such as Computer-Assisted Translation (CAT) Tools or a translation studies topics seminar (4 credits)</li> <li>• Elective (4 credits)</li> <li>• Independent Study on a relevant topic, guided by a faculty member (1 credit)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share revised project abstract with faculty.</li> <li>• Begin preparations for the comprehensive exam in coordination with the committee chair.</li> </ul>
<p>Fourth Semester (9 credits):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elective (4 credits)</li> <li>• Elective (4 credits)</li> <li>• Independent Study on a relevant topic, guided by a faculty member (1 credit)</li> <li>• Prospectus and Dissertation Writing workshop</li> </ul> <p>DONE WITH 36 CREDITS COURSEWORK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft an abstract and detailed outline of the prospectus and review it with chair.</li> <li>• Add two committee members to form a complete committee.</li> <li>• Discuss exams and prospectus with committee members.</li> <li>• Make a plan to take the first comprehensive exam.</li> </ul>

COURSE COMPLETE

<p>Fifth Semester (1 credit):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP 698 (Pre-Dissertation Research) with committee chair (1 credit)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take the first written exam</li> <li>• Prepare to take the second written exam</li> <li>• Prepare a complete first draft of the prospectus</li> </ul>
<p>Sixth Semester (1 credit):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP 698 (Pre-Dissertation Research) with committee chair (1 credit)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take second written exam</li> <li>• Revise prospectus based on feedback from the dissertation chair</li> <li>• Obtain approval from committee members that the prospectus indicates readiness to hold the oral exam</li> <li>• Schedule the oral exam and attain ABD status.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Students can make use of the Summer and Winter terms to take exams, with committee approval.</i></p>
<p>Seventh Semester (1 credit):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP 699 (Dissertation Research) with committee chair (1 credit)</li> </ul>	<p>The expected speed for a conventional dissertation with six chapters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write two new chapters</li> </ul> <p>The expected speed for a dissertation that constitutes an analytical introduction plus translation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with your chair to build a plan that works for your translation plan</li> </ul>
<p>Eighth Semester (1 credit):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP 699 (Dissertation Research) with committee chair (1 credit)</li> </ul>	<p>The expected speed for a conventional dissertation with six chapters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write two new chapters</li> <li>• Revise two existing chapters.</li> </ul> <p>The expected speed for a dissertation that constitutes an analytical introduction plus translation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write a draft of the analysis that is a minimum fifty pages.</li> </ul>
<p>Ninth Semester (1 credit):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP 699 (Dissertation Research) with committee chair (1 credit)</li> </ul>	<p>The expected speed for a conventional dissertation with six chapters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write two new chapters</li> <li>• Revise three existing chapters.</li> </ul> <p>The expected speed for a dissertation that constitutes an analytical introduction plus translation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise translation</li> <li>• Revise analysis.</li> </ul>

<p>Tenth Semester Semester (1 credit):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRIP 699 (Dissertation Research) with committee chair (1 credit)</li> </ul>	<p>The expected speed for a conventional dissertation with six chapters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise every chapter for the second time.</li> <li>• Share the full draft with your committee.</li> <li>• Select an Outside Examiner (OE) with your chair; Work with TRIP to obtain approval for the OE.</li> <li>• Schedule the defense.</li> <li>• Committees commonly require revisions after the defense.</li> </ul> <p>The expected speed for a dissertation that constitutes an analytical introduction plus translation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise the translation and analysis a second time.</li> <li>• Share the full draft with your committee.</li> <li>• Select an Outside Examiner (OE) with your chair; Work with TRIP to obtain approval for the OE.</li> <li>• Schedule the defense.</li> <li>• Committees commonly require revisions after the defense</li> </ul>
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