Timeline for Ph.D. Students in the Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering (CAE)

Pre-Candidacy (CAE 830)
- Select and meet your CAE Graduate advisor
- Meet the CAE Graduate Program Director (Dr. Giancaspro)
- Attend New Student Orientation
- Review degree requirements
- Attend UMGS "Flash Writing Fridays" (thesis workshop)
- Explore resources on the CAE and UMGS websites
- Responsible Conduct of Research course
- Enroll in CAE 840 during semester of defense
- Transfer credit (optional): CAE Procedure for the Transfer of Graduate Credit from Another Institution

Qualifying Exam (written and oral)
- dissertation proposal to committee members
- Dissertation Proposal

Milestone: Dissertation Proposal

Critical milestone: Dissertation Proposal

Milestone: Dissertation Defense

Milestone: Post-Candidacy (CAE 840)

1 semester minimum

10 days minimum

3 months minimum

10 days minimum

Graduation

Years 2 ...

Coursework
- Ph.D. with a prior M.S.: 18 credits (minimum)
- Ph.D. without a prior M.S.: 42 credits (minimum)

Dissertation
- Ph.D. with a prior M.S.: 12 credits
- Ph.D. without a prior M.S.: 18 credits

Certificate of Defense Approval to UMGS

ETD Availability Agreement to UMGS

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Abbreviations:
UMGS = University of Miami Graduate School
CAE = Civil, Arch., and Env. Engineering Dept.

Legend:
- Milestone
- Critical milestone
- Standard paper form to complete
- Dynamic form to complete online
- Other documentation to submit
- Dissertation (thesis)

Not drawn to scale. Milestones and durations are approximate, as the timeline is intended to provide a modicum of structure and guidance for incoming students. Actual duration depends on many factors, especially whether the student already has an M.S. degree. Department and university policies and procedures may change. Students must regularly consult with their advisor, the CAE Graduate Program Director, and the Graduate School for changes and additional requirements.

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