

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

HESC-MS TIMELINE (NON-THESIS TRACK)

Please note that although this timeline outlines the expected progress for MS students, students may complete milestones earlier or later than what is outlined below. Forms are available on the HESC Graduate Program website [Forms and Resources](#) page.

First semester

- Select the academic advisor and two committee members
- Submit the MS Advisory Committee form
- Enroll in 3-6 hours: Take any required courses
- Plan the program of study in consultation with the advisor
- Outline the timeline of your degree plan
- Submit the Program of Study form to Graduate Coordinator by the time grades are due
- Expect the first-year annual review in the following semester*

Second semester

- Continue taking any required courses including research method and statistics
- Update the timeline of your degree plan, if needed
- First-year annual review through a face-to-face meeting with your advisor*

Third semester

- Continue taking any required courses
- Update the timeline of your degree plan, if needed

Fourth semester

- Apply for the graduation if completion of program requirement is expected within a semester
- Continue taking any required courses to complete required 33 credit hours
- Schedule a comprehensive exam in consultation with the advisor (see **Comprehensive Exam Timeline** on the HESC Graduate Program website [Forms and Resources](#) page)
- The advisor gives a written exam that includes four to five questions that evaluate knowledge gained from graduate core courses in the concentration area
- Submit your answers of a written exam to the advisor
- Prepare an oral exam in consultation with the advisor
- Submit final Program of Study with grades to the Graduate Coordinator and MS Completion form

*Annual reviews occur at the end of the spring semester and must be submitted to the Graduate School by June 30th. If your first semester is in the spring, your first-year annual review still takes place in the spring.