### Pre-Orientation

- **June 1 – Aug 15th**: Optional - Max Duration of Early Start Research. Forms available in late April/early May
- **2nd + 3rd week of August**: Optional - Physics Bootcamp, Monday – Friday, 9 am to 12 pm

### Year 1 – Courses and Teaching Duties

- **Last week of August**: Optional - Pass out Exams administered for Fall Core Courses (PHYS 500, 506, 508)
- **Early September**: Mandatory – Fundamentals of Teaching, Bystander Intervention Training
- **2nd week of January**: Optional - Pass out Exams administered for Spring Core Courses (PHYS 502, 510, 512)
- **May 1**: Confirm Summer Research Advisor
- **June – August**: Summer Research

### Year 2 – Courses and Teaching Duties

- **End of August**: Written Qualifying Event for courses taken in Year 1 (includes Pass-out subjects)
- **December / May Reading Week**: Phys 990/Research Qualifying Event
- **May 1**: Confirm Summer Research Advisor
- **June – August**: Summer Research
- **August 1**: Confirm Primary Advisor

### Year 3 – Research

- **End of August**: Written Qualifying Event for courses taken in Year 2
- **September 1**: Begin formal research with PI
- **June – August**: Form Prospectus Committee (PI + 2 additional faculty)
- **August 1**: Submit Research Prospectus and Signed Approval Form

### Year 4 – Research

- **September 1**: Advance to Candidacy
- **December 1**: Prospectus Presentation and Signed Approval Form Due
- **April 1**: Yearly DPRs and Annual Talk Signed Approval Form Due

### Year 5+ – Research -> Thesis Defense

- **April 1**: Yearly DPRs and Annual Talk Signed Approval Form Due
- **Sept 1 / Feb 15**: Review the Graduation Checklist and Inform the Department of Plans to Graduate using the Notification of Graduation Form.
- **Oct 1 / Mar 15**: Deadline to upload Dissertation to NOR for December/May Graduation
- **Nov 1 / April 15**: Deadline to successfully Defend Thesis to be considered for December/May Graduation
- **Prior to Departure**: Exit Interview with Chair or DGS