

HARVARD ENGLISH GRADUATE PROGRAM  
**Student Progress Timeline**

**G1 YEAR**

- 1st year of course work.
- At least one language must be completed.

*Possible Fellowship Applications:* Summer Language Waiver; Graduate Society Summer Awards

Note: In order to receive summer stipends, G1s must have completed all first-year course work and one language by the third week in May.

**G2 YEAR**

- General Exams taken by September of 2nd year.
- Complete course work by end of 2nd year.

**Normal Progress:** complete language requirement by end of 2nd year.  
(May possibly take summer before G3 year to complete language requirement, with approval of DGS.)

*Possible Fellowship Applications:* Summer Language Waiver; Graduate Society Summer Awards

Note: In order to receive summer stipends, G2s must have passed generals, completed all course work, and fulfilled both language requirements (unless they have received authorization from the DGS to take a summer language course) by the third week in May.

**G3 YEAR**

- Begin teaching in September of 3rd year.
- Take Field Oral Exam (preferably by December of 3rd year; by mid-February at the latest).
- Complete Dissertation Prospectus by May 15 of 3rd year.

*Possible Fellowship Applications:* Grad Society/Merit/Dexter Term-Time Fellowships (prospectus must be completed by time of application).

Note: In order to receive summer stipends, G3s must have completed all course work, languages, generals, fields, and prospectus by May 15.

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## **G4 YEAR**

- Continue teaching
- Writing dissertation

**Normal progress:** one chapter completed by beginning of February

**Minimum requirement** for satisfactory progress: one chapter by May 15

**Rapid progress** (for students entering with an MA or other advanced standing): 2 chapters by February

*Possible Fellowship Applications:* Grad Society/Merit/Dexter Term-Time Fellowships; Dissertation Completion Fellowship (if 2 chapters completed.)

Note: In order to receive summer stipends, G4s must have completed all course work, languages, generals, fields, prospectus, and at least one approved dissertation chapter by the third week in May.

## **G5 YEAR**

- Continue teaching (unless on a term-time or completion fellowship)
- Continue writing dissertation
- Students are required to submit an article to a scholarly journal by the end of their 5th year (acceptance is not required). Failure to do so would result in the loss of good standing.

**Normal progress:** 2nd chapter by beginning of Jan.; journal article submission by May.

**Minimum requirement** for satisfactory progress: 2nd chapter by May 15

**Rapid progress** (for students entering with an MA or other advanced standing): 3rd-4th chapter by Feb.

*Possible Fellowship Applications:* Grad Society Term-Time/Merit/Dexter Fellowships; Dissertation Completion Fellowship (if 2 chapters completed)

## **G6 YEAR**

- Continue teaching (unless on a term-time or completion fellowship) and only if teaching is available
- Continue writing dissertation

**Normal progress:** 3rd chapter by beginning of February

**Minimum requirement** for satisfactory progress: 3rd chapter by May 15

**Rapid progress** (for students entering with an MA or other advanced standing): 4th chapter-completion by February

*Possible Fellowship Applications:* Dissertation Completion Fellowship (if 2 chapters completed)

## **G7 YEAR**

- Continue teaching (unless on a term-time or completion fellowship) and only if teaching is available
- Continue writing dissertation

**Minimum requirement** for satisfactory progress: 4th chapter by May 15

Students whose dissertations are not complete at the end of their G7 summer may register for G8 if their committee members confirm that their project requires further time.

GSAS RULE: Students may register in the program for only ONE year after they hold a completion fellowship, irrespective of the year in which they hold it.