### Schedule for Completion of PhD Degree

#### Tips/Template for a Successful Career

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- Arrange and get started on Research Project by the end of Fall Quarter
- Line up research supervisor and GSR support for first summer and second year
- TA requirements - minimum 1 quarter
- Start on web page - update important information about research
- By end of Spring Qtr -
  - Courses 11 (7 core & 4 elect)
  - Indep Study & Dept Talk
  - Research Paper
- Take Prelim Exam - final try
- Board Review
- After Board Review, focus full time on developing your thesis topic.
- Aim for 2nd paper in Winter Quarter of 3rd year.
- Possible conference/poster paper this summer.
- Apply for M.S. Degree?

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