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

Pre-Candidacy (CAE 830)
- Meet the CAE Graduate Program Director (Dr. Giancaspro)
- Select and meet your CAE Graduate advisor
- Attend New Student Orientation
- Review degree requirements
- Attend UMGS “Flash Writing Fridays” (thesis workshop)
- Responsible Conduct of Research course
- Explore resources on the CAE and UMGS websites
- Dissertation proposal to committee members
- Dissertation to committee members
- ETD Availability Agreement to UMGS

Post-Candidacy (CAE 840)
- Select and meet your CAE Graduate advisor
- Attend Qualifying Exam (written and oral)
- dissertation proposal to committee members
- Dissertation Defense Notice Form to UMGS
- Abstract and announcement to Ruth Castillo (CAE)
- Certificate of Defense Approval for Doctoral Dissertation to UMGS
- Transfer credit (optional): CAE Procedure for the Transfer of Graduate Credit from Another Institution

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

Graduation
- 3 Years (typical) for students entering the Ph.D. program with an M.S.
- 4 Years (typical) for students entering the Ph.D. program without an M.S.

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

Legend:
- Milestone
- Critical milestone
- Standard form to complete
- 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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