

BIGSSS-DEPARTS PhD CURRICULUM

Prior to 1st Semester:
Preparatory Forum in Social Science Methodology

1st Year: Theoretical / Methodological Foundations, Dissertation Design

1st Semester:

1. Core Theory Seminar
2. Proposal Workshop
3. Doctoral Colloquium
4. Lecture Series

2nd Semester:

1. Dissertation Proposal Defense
2. Demand-Tailored Methods Seminar
3. Demand-Tailored Theory Seminar
4. Doctoral Colloquium
5. Lecture Series

Prior to 2nd Year:
Retreat and Dissertation Workshop
Progress Assessment Colloquium

2nd Year: Transferable Skills Training, Dissertation Research and Teaching

3rd Semester:

1. Demand-Tailored Methods
2. Didactic Workshop
3. Writing Workshop
4. Doctoral Colloquium
5. Lecture Series

4th Semester:

1. Doctoral Colloquium
2. Lecture Series

Prior to 3rd Year:
Progress Assessment Colloquium

3rd Year: Stay at Partner Institution and Dissemination

5th / 6th Semester:

1. Research stay at one of the BIGSSS-departs' Partner Institutions (academic or non-academic)
2. Conference/Summer School Participation
3. Participation in Research Day & Career Day

After 36 months:
Progress Assessment Colloquium

7th Semester: Dissertation and Defense Colloquium

* Core Theory Seminar, Proposal Workshop, and Doctoral Colloquium are field-specific courses. Teaching can be fulfilled any time between 3rd and 6th semester.