

Planning Ahead for the First Year

Please plan ahead for the coming year in terms of academic milestones, competencies, professional and career development, etc. Use the table for formal academic milestones and the space below for other goals. The idea is that you use this opportunity to plan ahead for the year **with your major professor and committee**, and the assessment is then used to take stock and see how things have progressed.

To Be Filled Out By Student

Student's name: _____

Date: _____

Date entered NSE graduate program: _____

Degree program (check one):

M.S. ___ Ph.D. ___

Area of Concentration: _____

Date of expected completion: _____

Major Professor Name(s):

Committee Member Names:

Checklist: (Complete those that apply to you; please fill in all dates that are applicable even if it's your best guess)

COMPLETION OF MILESTONES	TIME LINE	DATE COMPLETED OR EXPECTED
Master's Degree		
Establish Graduate Committee	Second quarter	
(Program of Study Meeting)	Second quarter	
Program of Study submitted to the Grad School	By 18 credits	
Schedule final defense	One quarter before event	
Ph.D. Degree		
Establish Graduate Committee	End of first year	
Qualifying Exam	End of first year	
Program of Study Meeting / POS approved by Graduate School	After passing Qualifying Exam/ by 5 th term	
Preliminary Exam	End of 2 nd year or after approval of Program of Study and	

	completion of most of course work	
Passed the Preliminary Exam		
Schedule final defense	One quarter before event	

Student signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This completed form must be submitted to NSE Graduate Student Liaison Heidi Bradly (Heidi.Braly@oregonstate.edu; 541-737-7062) before the end of your first term in year 1.