# Roadmap through the Ph.D. Program in Early Modern European History

## FIRST YEAR

**Courses**
- Seminar paper
- Language exam

**Summer**
- Intensive language
- Prepare one orals field

## SECOND YEAR

**Courses**
- Second seminar paper
- Second language exam

**Winter**
Apply for Internships/TA-ships to be held in your third year in the program

**Winter/Spring**
If you think you don't need the whole summer to prepare your orals fields, apply for funding to conduct summer research in preparation for writing your dissertation proposal. That will make it easier for you to go abroad sooner.

**Summer**
- Prepare your orals fields. That's priority number one. Everything else (except for essential language study) is optional.
- If you have time, spend two weeks on research to prepare your dissertation proposal, and another two weeks to sketch a tentative dissertation proposal.
- If you have time, prepare funding applications for dissertation research abroad to be conducted in your fourth year.

## THIRD YEAR

**Teach two Internships/TA-ships**

**Conduct research to finalize your dissertation proposal**

**Present your work at workshops**

**Early Fall**
If you drafted a dissertation proposal in the summer, use it as a foundation to apply for funding to conduct dissertation research abroad in your fourth year
Fall
Oral exam. (Note that, generally speaking, you are not allowed to serve as a TA or an Intern until after you have passed your oral exam. If you want to serve as a TA or Intern in the Fall of your third year, schedule your Orals for the very beginning of the Fall quarter.)

Winter
Apply for teaching positions to be held in your fourth year

Winter/Spring
Apply for summer research funding

Spring
Defend your dissertation proposal

Summer
Summer research and/or language training

| FOURTH YEAR |
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| **If you are going abroad to do research** | **If you are staying in Chicago** |
| Conduct dissertation research abroad. | Conduct dissertation research in Chicago. |
| Look for opportunities to present research at workshops and conferences. | Present research at workshops and conferences. |
| Network with other scholars to establish professional credibility and sources for future letters of recommendation. | Network with other scholars to establish professional credibility and sources for future letters of recommendation. |
| **Winter** | **Winter/Spring** |
| Apply for teaching positions for next year | Apply for funding for research abroad |
| **Winter/Spring** | **Winter/Spring** |
| Apply for summer research funding | Apply for summer research funding |
| **Summer** | **Summer** |
| Work on a draft of a chapter or a paper and prepare it for publication as an article | Work on a draft of a chapter or a paper and prepare it for publication as an article |

| FIFTH YEAR |
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| **If you are returning to Chicago from a year spent abroad** | **If you are going abroad to do research** |
| Start writing your dissertation | Conduct dissertation research abroad. |
| Teach two internships/TA-ships or one | Look for opportunities to present research at workshops and conferences. |
### SIXTH YEAR (FIFTH YEAR FOR UC FUNDING PURPOSES)

- **Fall**
  - Try to have a complete draft of your dissertation in hand by late Fall
  - Go on the job market and apply for postdocs

- **January**
  - Attend the AHA convention with or without dissertation draft in hand

- **Winter**
  - Apply for teaching positions next year and summer

- **Winter/Spring**
  - Apply for dissertation write-up fellowships

- **Spring/Summer**
  - Defend dissertation if possible

### SEVENTH YEAR (SIXTH YEAR FOR UC FUNDING PURPOSES)

- **Fall**
  - Complete dissertation draft by late Fall
  - Go on the job market and apply for postdocs
January
Attend AHA with dissertation draft in hand

Winter
Apply for teaching positions for next year

Winter/Spring
Apply for dissertation write-up fellowships
Apply for visiting assistant professorships

Spring/Summer
Defend dissertation if possible

Fall
Go on the job market and apply for post-docs

And so on until you get a job …