**Ph.D. Degree Quick Facts:**

* No courses required.
* Initial Thesis Supervisory Committee – within 4 months of beginning student’s program.
* Thesis committee –3 committee members + supervisor
* Comprehensive exam must be held within 36 months of starting Ph.D. degree – committee meeting must be held at least one month prior to exam date.
* A committee meeting must be held once per year – they are formal – provide committee members with progress report and CV at least one week before meeting.
* Students must get permission from their committee to write up their thesis (may be formal face to face or email approval).
* Once a draft thesis is written, students must get permission from their committee for it to be sent to the external examiner) may be formal face to face or email approval). Approvals are sent to program coordinator.
* All Doctoral thesis requirements and defenses are under the authority of Graduate and Post-doctoral studies – see website for details: <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/dissertation-thesis-preparation>
* All requirements of completing their thesis and closing their program are the responsibility of the student.
* Useful information regarding graduate student expectations, supervision, managing your program and graduate studies program requirements can be found at: <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/current-students/newly-admitted>