# UPD THESIS TIMELINE

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**Critical Dates:**

1. Initial Thesis Track Meeting and Orientation (March)
2. Submit Coursework/Studio/Thesis Selection Form (early April)
3. Deadline to Submit Petition to Undertake Thesis and Petition to Pursue Alternative Thesis Prep (early May)

**Key Tasks:**

A. Identify thesis advisor and tentative thesis topic  
B. Submit Coursework/Studio/Thesis selection form  
C. Submit petition to undertake thesis and, if relevant, petition to pursue alternative thesis preparation

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**SUMMER**

| | Jun | Jul | Aug |

**Key Tasks:**

A. Cement role of thesis advisor; identify tentative project timeline  
B. Refine thesis topic; embark on thesis research in field, studio or library

Note: This timeline is for general guidance only. Precise dates for deadlines and reviews will be reported to thesis students directly. Further information on program requirements can be found in the UPD Thesis Handbook.
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**FALL**

- **4** Midterm Thesis Proposal Review, to Present Progress on Question/Topic (mid to late October)
- **5** Final Thesis Proposal Review (mid December)
- **6** Midterm Thesis Review (mid to late March)
- **7** Pre-Final Thesis Review (mid to late April)
- **8** Deadline to Submit Thesis to Advisor for Review (late April to mid May – to be determined by advisor)
- **9** Final Thesis Review and Submission of Completed Thesis (mid to late May)

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**Critical Dates:**

**Key Tasks:**

A. Complete GSD 9204 (or complete petition to pursue alternative thesis preparation – submit in May of first year)
B. Meet regularly with thesis advisor
C. Develop clear expectations for project and deliverables
D. Present work at thesis proposal midterm and final reviews (fall) and thesis midterm, pre-final and final reviews (spring)
E. Submit thesis deliverables to advisor prior to final review
F. Submit digital copy of thesis