








# Setting Your Goals and Making an Individual Development Plan

Consider your immediate, short-term, and long-term goals both within your graduate program and for your future career. You may use My Plan to create your “individual development plan” – a plan that contains your self-defined goals and establishes a timeline to achieve these goals. Goals that are “SMART” - Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Time-based are more likely to happen.

*Be sure to revisit your individual development plan and revise your goals often as creating a plan is an iterative process.*

Goal	Starts - Ends	
<b>Started Program</b>	08/01/17 - 08/31/17	
<b>Advisor Determined</b> Ask Dr. O'Lear if she will would be my adviser - have dissertation project outline/idea ready.	02/01/18 - 03/01/18	
<b>Advisor Determined</b>	04/01/18 - 05/31/18	
<b>Draft of Dissertation Research Focus and Questions</b> Present ideas of dissertation focus and main questions to Dr. O'Lear	05/01/18 - 06/01/18	
<b>Advisor Determined</b>	07/08/18 - 07/15/18	
<b>Review Program Requirements/Milestones</b> Check in with Dr. O'Lear and Grad Advisor to make sure I'm on track - check grad student handbook to see what requirements I've met and what I have left to meet.	08/01/18 - 08/31/18	
<del><b>Summer Language Fellowship Applications Due</b></del> <del>Applications for Summer Language Fellowship programs due on 9/15 and 10/3</del>	09/01/18 - 10/31/18	
<b>Finalize Dissertation Focus and Research Questions</b>	11/01/18 - 12/01/18	
<b>Cross-Disciplinary Courses Completed</b> Check in with Dr. O'Lear and Grad Advisor to make sure all of my courses count.	12/01/18 - 12/31/18	

<b>Language Requirements Completed</b>	12/01/18 - 12/31/18	
<b>Committee Formed</b> Check in Dr. O'Lear but have preliminary committee list determined. Finalize the list with Dr. O'Lear by 2/15 and ask members by beginning of March. Final paperwork needs to be submitted to Graduate Secretary.	02/01/19 - 03/01/19	
<b>External Committee Members confirmed</b> Ask before semester ends.	05/01/19 - 05/31/19	
<b>Coursework Complete</b>	08/01/19 - 08/31/19	
<b>Qualifying Exams</b> Schedule quals with committee during this two week period - email beginning of October	11/01/19 - 11/15/19	
<b>Prospectus Submitted</b>	12/01/19 - 12/31/19	
<b>Pull together Literature for the Lit Review/Research Context Chapter</b> Make sure to run annotated bibliography by Dr. O'Lear to highlight any overlooked important texts	01/01/20 - 03/01/20	
<b>Start Textual Analysis of Newspapers 1915-1922 for Chapter 2</b> Have Sarah at the Library double check the python natural language scripts before running analysis.	04/01/20 - 05/31/20	
<b>Draft of Lit Review/Research Context Chapter Finished</b> Email final draft to Dr. O'Lear and Dr. Egbert for review.	04/01/20 - 04/01/20	
<b>ACLS Dissertation Fellowship Application Due</b>	10/23/20 - 10/23/20	
<b>Dissertation Defense</b>	12/02/22 - 12/02/22	