

# MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY PHD

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## Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

### Master's

Students who enter without a master's degree complete their MA as part of their preparation for the doctorate. In addition to the coursework requirements described below, students shall be required to prepare a conference-quality paper under the supervision of a three person committee during the fall quarter of their second year of coursework. Students are encouraged to use the first summer following coursework to begin preparation of this paper.

### PhD

Two years (six quarters) of full-time coursework is required. All doctoral students are required to take two courses:

- a. a proseminar (MTS 501-0 Introduction to Grad Research in MTS), in which students are introduced to a variety of interests within MTS; and
- b. a second-year practicum course focused on learning how to write a publishable-quality, empirical social-scientific research paper (MTS 503-0 The Practice of Scholarship).

Not including these required courses, students must fulfill the TGS coursework requirements (<https://www.tgs.northwestern.edu/academic-policies-procedures/policies/phd-degree-requirements.html#phdcoursework>), including at least four letter-graded courses offered by MTS faculty at the 400 or 500 level. Students are also required to develop methodological expertise appropriate to their interests as specified by their committee.

### Other PhD Degree Requirements

- **Examinations:** upon completion of coursework, written and oral comprehensive examination
- **Research/Projects:** present a research paper or grant proposal by the end of the second year of coursework
- **PhD Dissertation:** based on original, independent research
- **Final Evaluations:** oral defense of dissertation