## Vision Science Program Requirements

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| **Time Limits**  | F/T = 6 terms (2 years)  
P/T = 15 terms (5 years) | F/T (from an Honours Bachelor’s) = 18 terms  
(6 years) | F/T (from a Master’s) = 12 terms (4 years)  
P/T (from Honours Bachelor’s) = 21 terms (7 yrs)  
P/T (from a Master’s) = 18 terms (6 years) |
| **Course Work & Milestones** | Min. of 4 x one-term grad courses (one course from **Stream A***, one course from **Stream B***, and one from A* or B**).  
Seminar Milestone: See below. | Will have completed 2 x one-term grad courses  
as a MSc student  
Min. of 2 x one-term courses as PhD student  
(one course from **Stream A**, one from **Stream B***, and one from A* or B**).  
Seminar Milestone: See below. | Min. of 2 x one-term grad courses  
(one from **Stream A*** & one from **Stream B***)  
Seminar Milestone: See below. |
| **Academic Integrity Tutorial & Workshop** | Both University tutorial and Dept. of Science workshop within first term | Both University tutorial and Dept. of Science workshop within first term | Both University tutorial and Dept. of Science workshop within first term |
| **Committee Appointment** | Within first 12 months | Reconstitute PhD committee immediately after acceleration | Within first 12 months |
| **First Committee Meeting** | Within first 12 months, then once a year | Within first 12 months, then once a year | Within first 12 months, then once a year |
| **Thesis Proposal Evaluation** | By end of 3rd term for FT  
By end of 6th term for PT | MSc by end of 3rd term  
PhD proposal by end of 5th term of enrollment | By end of 4th term for FT  
By end of 6th term for PT |
| **Comprehensive Exam** | n/a | Comp Exam will be considered complete when students have successfully completed AQE by end of 4th term | Complete within 16 months of beginning studies  
Approval from Grad Office of appropriate examining committee |
| **Seminar Attendance & Presentation** | Present at least one talk during program.  
Attend at least 10 seminars and/or defences and a one day research symposium throughout each year of enrollment. | Present at least **two** talks during program.  
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*Stream A* (Courses 650 - 669)  **Stream B** (Courses 670 – 689) [http://www.ucalendar.uwaterloo.ca/SA/GRAD/1415/GRDcourse-OPTOM.html](http://www.ucalendar.uwaterloo.ca/SA/GRAD/1415/GRDcourse-OPTOM.html)

Stream A and Stream B course requirement does not apply to students who started their program before Fall 2014.

Students who transfer to PhD must meet the new course requirements.