Timeline for Ph.D. Students in the Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering (CAE)

- **Coursework**
  - Ph.D. with a prior M.S.: 18 credits (minimum)
  - Ph.D. without a prior M.S.: 42 credits (minimum)

- **Dissertation**
  - Ph.D. with a prior M.S.: 12 credits
  - Ph.D. without a prior M.S.: 18 credits

**Pre-Candidacy (CAE 830)**
- Meet the CAE Graduate Program Director (Dr. Giancaspro)
- Select and meet your CAE Graduate advisor
- Attend New Student Orientation
- Review degree requirements
- Attend UMGS “Flash Writing Fridays” (thesis workshop)
- Explore resources on the CAE and UMGS websites
- Submit all transcripts and associated documentation
- Transfer credit (optional)

**Qualifying Exam** (written and oral)
- Meet the CAE Graduate Program Director
- Establish Supervisory/Dissertation Committee
- 10 days minimum

**Dissertation Proposal**
- Apply for Graduation
- Explore resources on the CAE and UMGS websites
- 1 semester minimum

**Dissertation Defense (oral)**
- Enroll in CAE 840 during semester of defense
- Enroll in CAE 6xx during semester of graduation
- 10 days minimum

**Graduation**
- Enroll in CAE 840 during semester of defense
- Submit all final transcripts and associated documentation
- Certificate of Defense Approval to UMGS
- ETD Final Content Approval Form to UMGS
- ETD Availability Approval to UMGS
- Not drawn to scale. Milestones and durations are approximate, as the timeline is intended to provide a modicum of structure and guidance for incoming students. Actual duration depends on many factors, especially whether the student already has an M.S. degree.
- Department and university policies and procedures may change. Students must regularly consult with their advisor, the CAE Graduate Program Director, and the Graduate School for changes and additional requirements.

Abbreviations:
- UMGS = University of Miami Graduate School
- CAE = Civil, Arch., and Env. Engineering Dept.

Legend:
- Milestone
- Critical milestone
- Standard paper form to complete
- Dynamic form to complete online
- Other documentation to submit
- Dissertation (thesis)

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