1. Before Scheduling the Final Exam

a. The student must:

- have completed all graded coursework required by the program or listed on the approved Program of Study;
- be registered for a minimum of two hours of 800-level credits;
- have passed the preliminary exam at least four months prior to scheduling the final exam. **Note:** students are expected to complete and defend their dissertation within four years of passing their preliminary exam and advancement to candidacy.
- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a minimum 3.0 GPA on the Program of Study;
- complete the Application for Degree in myWSU. The graduation fee must be paid before the final exam is scheduled; and
- wait a minimum of three months after a failed first attempt before scheduling a second attempt at the final exam.

b. The candidate’s advisory committee is responsible for:

- approving all aspects of the final dissertation before the student schedules the final exam. The student will have 10 business days after the final exam to make any requested changes to the dissertation (Chapter 6.H); and
- verifying that the student will complete all program requirements by the end of the semester in which the final exam is taken.