Choose an Advisor
You can keep your temporary advisor or switch to another member of EFR. Can be T&L or EDL with Grad Director's approval.

Choose a Committee
Four persons, including your advisor. Two must be from EFR. The third can be from EFR, T&L or EDL. The fourth, "at-large" member must be from any department outside of EFR, but that member may not come from the same non-EFR department as a regular member. All must be members of the graduate faculty.

Turn in your Program of Study
Must be signed by entire committee.

Complete your EFR Coursework
Complete 21 hours in your main track (research or foundations) and 9 in the other. Cognates can be incomplete.

Topic Proposal
Your committee should approve a proposal for your dissertation. The format will be determined by your advisor. For example, it might be either first 3 chapters or a 20-40 page proposal. 1-page summary submitted to Grad School.

Comprehensive Exams
Students in EFR take one question in foundations and one question in research methodologies.

Preliminary Dissertation Defense
Full meeting of the committee to assess readiness for final defense. Must occur at least 2 weeks before final defense.

Grad School Advances Student to Candidacy
May apply for graduation anytime after this.

Final Dissertation Defense

Forms are available on the Graduate School website

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