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**Last Year Schedule – General example**

**Dissertation outline**

1. Introduction (to be written)
2. Broad topic A
  - a. Paper #1 - *DONE*
  - b. Paper #3 (abstract done)
  - c. Small additional project (measurements taken; analysis TBD)
3. Related broad topic B
  - a. Paper #2 – (draft done)
  - b. *Small additional project (e.g. chapter in another author’s paper) - DONE*
4. Conclusions (to be written)

**Schedule:**

(deadlines, benchmarks, meetings)

October	Dissertation committee meeting
November-December	Work on paper #2
December	Write LPSC abstract on additional project 2c
January	LPSC abstract due
January-February	Postdoc applications
January-February	Work on NPP proposal
March 1	NPP proposal deadline
January-March	Work on paper #2
March	Prepare for LPSC
March 17-21	LPSC – present project 2c
April 1	Submit paper #2
April	Work on additional project 3b
April 24	Abstract deadline for summer conference (project 3b)
May-June	Revisions on paper #2
June	Revise NPP proposal if not awarded in first round
July 1	NPP proposal deadline (second chance to resubmit)
July 1	Submit paper #3
July 14-18	Summer conference – present project 3b
July-August	Write introduction and conclusions
August-September	Revisions on paper #3
August 31	Submit draft dissertation
September	Iterate on dissertation with committee
October	Defend
September	Vacation/Move
November	Start postdoc

**Add whatever else applies to your situation to your individual schedule:**

- Various postdoc, grant, and fellowship application deadlines – deadlines vary
- Other small additional / side projects and papers (not all of these may be in your dissertation)
- Teaching responsibilities
- Other conferences, meetings, or talks