PhD Framework for Nazarbayev University

48 Month “2+4” 240 ECTS Structured Program with Taught & Research Elements

**Phase I – PhD Student**
(Research Readiness; 60 - 120 ECTS)

- **Discipline Knowledge:**
  - Discipline Courses - Core/Track
  - Interdisciplinary Courses - Elective

- **Research Connection:**
  - Supervisory Identification
  - Refine research
  - Graduate Seminar

- **Professional Development:**
  - Transferable Skills
  - GTA - Min. 2 Semesters/Program

**Phase II – PhD Candidate**
(Research/Thesis; 180-120 ECTS)

- **Research Praxis:**
  - Research Proposal/Defense
  - Thesis Research
  - Graduate Seminar
  - Research Mobility
  - Research Dissemination

- **Professional Development:**
  - Transferable Skills
  - GTA - Min. 2 Semesters/Program

**Thesis/Defense**

**Year 1**

**Year 2**

**Year 3**

**Year 4 (&5?)**