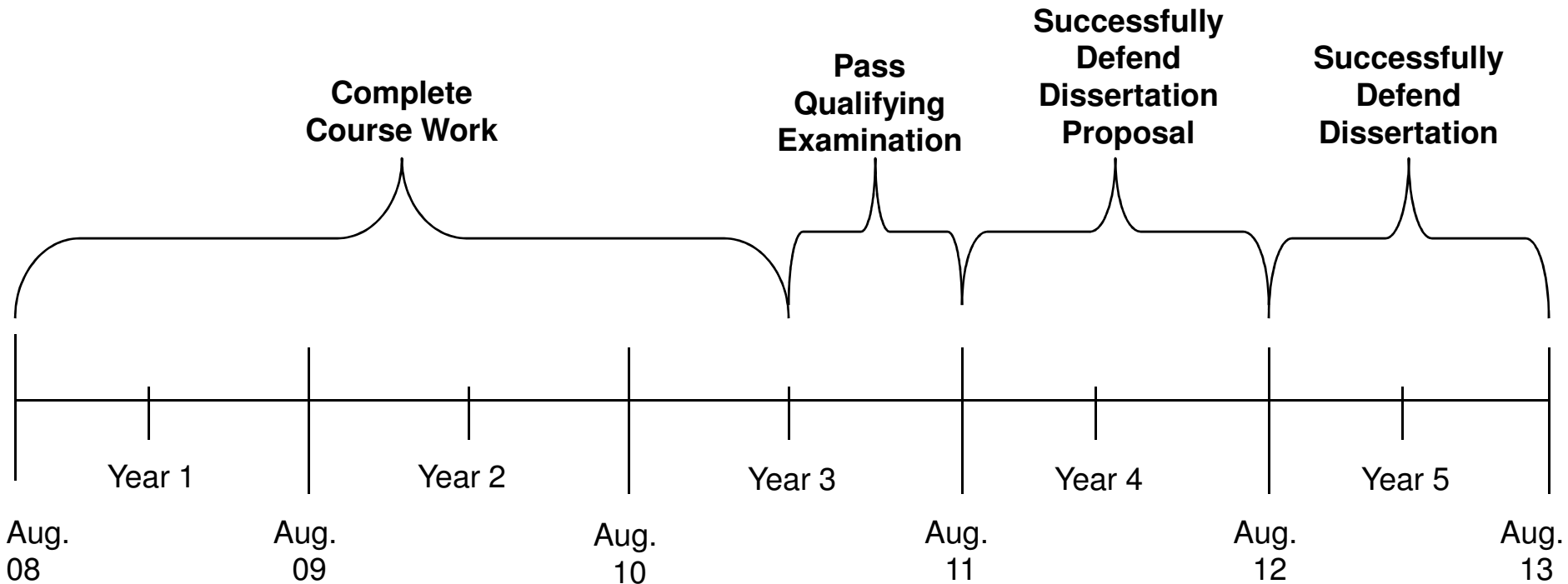


**Figure 1. Typical Time-Line for Students Entering with BA/BS Degree**



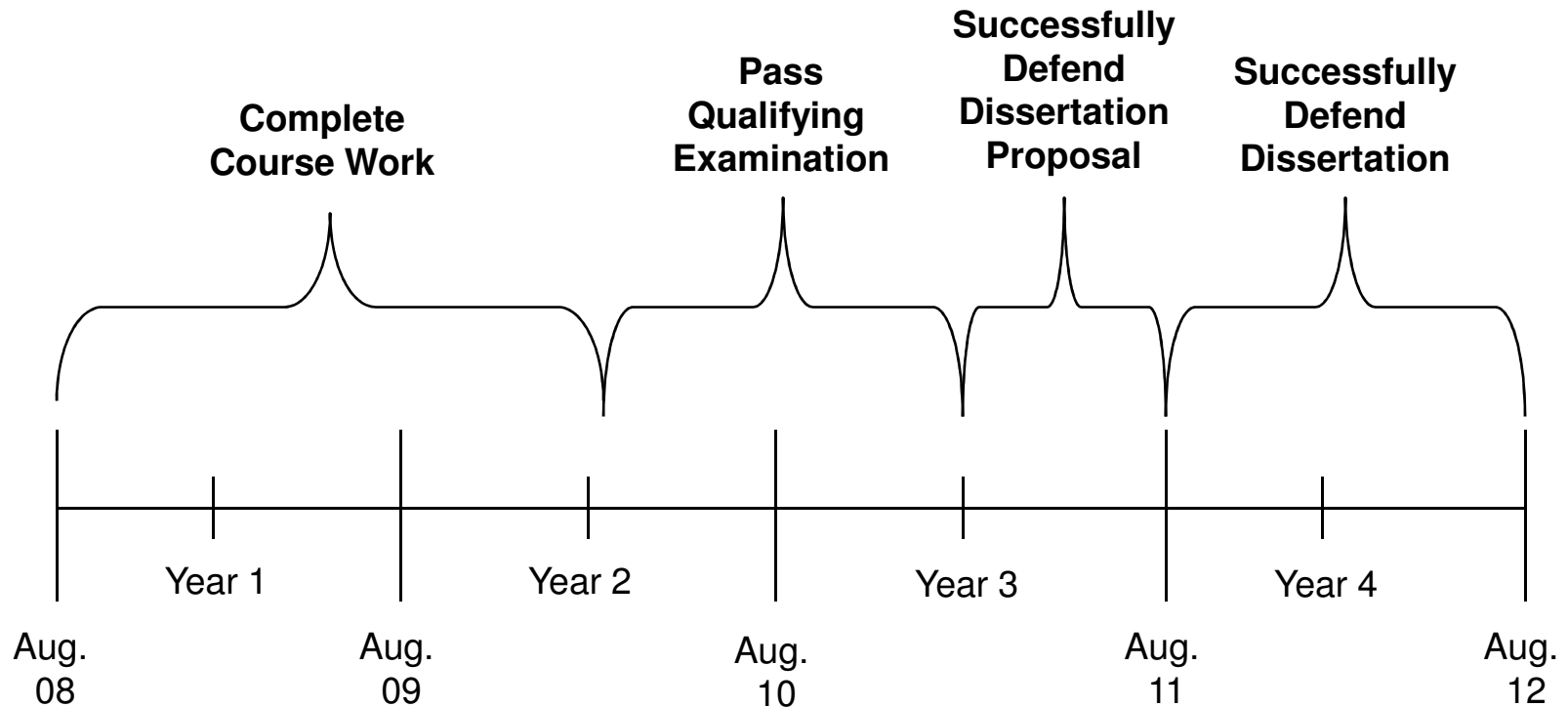
**Course Work:** Typically 5 semesters; 60 hours required (48 hours of classes, 12 hours of dissertation).

**Qualifying Examination:** Two substantive papers are to be submitted for evaluation within one year after the completion of coursework

**Dissertation:** Proposal typically defended by the end of the fourth year; completed dissertation successfully defended during the fifth year.

**Other Major Milestones:** 1) First conference paper delivered in second or third year.  
2) Apply for jobs at the beginning of the fifth year (or your projected last year).

**Figure 2. Typical Time-Line for Students Entering with MA/MS Degree**



**Course Work:** Typically 3 or 4 semesters; 60 hours required (48 hours of classes, 12 hours of dissertation).

**Qualifying Examination:** Two substantive papers are to be submitted for evaluation within one year after the completion of coursework.

**Dissertation:** Proposal typically defended by the end of the third year; completed dissertation successfully defended during the fourth year.

**Other Major Milestones:** 1) First conference paper delivered in first or second year.  
2) Apply for jobs at the beginning of the fourth year (or your projected last year).