

Ph.D. Program in Economics: Schedule and Requirements

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 |
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| Year 1: Courses | Micro (req.): 210A Macro (req.): 210D Econometrics (req.): 220A and 221A (or Stat 200A for students pursuing MA in Statistics) | Micro (req.): 210B Macro (req.): 210E Econometrics (req.): 220B and 221B (or Stat 200B for students pursuing MA in Statistics) | Micro (req.): 210C Macro (req.): 210F Econometrics (req.): 220C and 221C |
| Year 1: Other req's | 1. GPA of 3.25 in required core courses, B or higher in every core course (one opportunity to retake courses at earliest possible time if needed to meet grade requirements); GPA and individual course grade requirements cover 220D and 221D taken in second year; for MA only, GPA of 3.1 in required core courses, B or higher in every core course | | |
| Year 2: Courses | Econometrics (req.): 220D and 221D (req.) Elective Elective | Elective Elective Elective | Elective Elective Elective |
| Year 2: Other req's | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completion of research (“replication”) paper in Econometrics 221D during Q1 2. Advancement to Ph.D. candidacy exam based on fulfillment of all preceding requirements; exam covers core material and replication paper (or a field paper); exam is given at the end of each quarter, and should be taken at the end of Q1 or Q2 (it must be taken in Year 2); students need to have three-person dissertation committee identified, with approval of committee members, before exam; students failing the Ph.D. advancement exam are given one additional opportunity to pass in order to stay in Ph.D. program; students failing exam may still be deemed to earn “Master’s pass,” in which case exam serves as the required exam for an MA; students deciding to seek MA only can be examined by three-person department committee, with exam covering same material 3. Research on first field paper begins; paper must represent student’s independent ideas and research; must be completed and approved by two readers (one chosen by student, one by DGS) before the first day of Q1 of Year 3 4. Completion of courses in first field, in same field as research paper described in 3; in exceptional circumstances paper can be completed in year 2, and coursework in year 3 | | |
| Year 3: Courses ¹ | Economics 200A (req.) ² Elective Elective | Economics 200B (req.) Elective Elective | Economics 200C (req.) Elective Elective |
| Year 3: Other req's | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on second field paper begins; paper must represent student’s independent ideas and research; must be completed and approved by two readers (one chosen by student, one by DGS) before the first day of Q1 of Year 4 2. Completion of courses in second field, in same field as research paper described in 1 | | |
| Year 4: Courses | Economics 200A (req.) | | |
| Year 4: Other req's | 1. Oral examination of dissertation prospectus, preferably early in Year 4 | | |
| Year 5: Courses | | | |
| Year 5: Other req's | 1. Completion of dissertation— funding is typically not provided beyond 5th year in program | | |

Students who do not meet program requirements on schedule are deemed as failing to make satisfactory progress. Students whose progress is not satisfactory will be given one quarter to complete the requirements needed to get back on schedule, and those failing to do so will be subject to dismissal from the program, based on the recommendation of the Director of Graduate Studies and the faculty, and decided by the Graduate Division Dean.

¹Students should begin winding down coursework during the third year; thus, depending on their program they may be taking fewer than two electives per quarter in that year.

²Four quarters from Economics 200A-200C, the departmental seminars, are required. The timing shown here is suggested. Students continue to attend seminars throughout the Ph.D. program.