Quick Guide to Program Progress and Requirements

First Year in Program
- Core Requirements: Take nine courses in price theory, the theory of income, and quantitative methods to prepare for the "Core" examination.
- Core Examination: Students have two tries to pass each component of the Core Exam in the summer before their second year. Failure to pass will result in the student’s immediate withdrawal from the program.

Second Year in Program
- Specialized Field Requirements: Successfully complete two field sequences by the end of a student’s third year.*

Third Year in Program
- Required Research Seminar/Paper: Participate and receive a “Pass” in final seminar course. *
- General Distribution Requirement: Receive passing quality grades in three courses outside a student’s specialized fields. *
- Mentored Teaching Experience: Receive five teaching units by the end of a student’s fifth year. *
- Participation in Working Groups and Workshops.

Fourth Year in Program
- Thesis Proposal and Thesis Seminar: Successfully propose thesis by the end of a student’s fourth year. *
- Participation in Working Groups and Workshops.

Fifth Year in Program
- Thesis Seminars: Participate in faculty led thesis seminars. Seminar formats vary by professor.
- Participation in Working Groups and Workshops.

Sixth Year in Program
- Job Market
- Dissertation Completion: Student must defend their thesis by the end of their sixth year. *
- Participation in Working Groups and Workshops.

*Students may be removed from the program if they fail to meet specified requirements.