Program Completion Timeline

**Every Year**
- Conduct annual review with research advisor
- Conduct research (register for Macro 890 as pre-candidate if considering embedded Master’s)
- Explore and apply for relevant internal and external funding sources

**Year 1**
- Select research advisor with Macro 690 (Rotations) or Macro 790 (Advisor Interviews)
- Enroll in Macro and specific option courses
- Take comprehensive exam in February and (if necessary) May

**Year 2**
- Continue/complete Macro and specific option courses
- Take comprehensive exam (if necessary) in February and May
- Prepare for oral preliminary exam
- Form dissertation committee
- Take oral preliminary exam and apply for candidacy

**Year 3**
- Complete coursework
- Continue research

**Year 4+**
- Continue/complete research project
- Complete data meeting 4-6 months before defense
- Write and defend dissertation
- Apply for graduation

**Other**
- If you previously earned a Master's, apply for an individualized option in year 1 or 2