Year	Semester	Coursework Requirement	Workshop, Service & Thesis Credit Hours Requirement	Expected Research Output	Dept. Criteria for Good Standing	Important Dates (Deadlines)	Remediation if Failing Criteria in (F)
0	August before the 1st Fall Semester	Math and Stat Camp	N/A	N/A	Pass Math and Stat Camp	N/A	
1	Fall	ECON 501, 502, 510; Math 321	ECON 700 (Dept. TA service)	N/A	No more than two courses receive "C+ or lower" grades	Course registration	Retake the courses with "C+ or lower" grades in Y2 to meet the criteria
	Spring	ECON 505, 508, 511	ECON 700			Course registration	
	Summer	N//A	N//A		N//A		
2	Fall	ECON 504 (Computation Econ); 1-2 Elective (field) courses	ECON 700; ECON 597; ECON 593 (One Section)	Third year paper proposal	Pass for ECON 593 & 597	3rd Yr paper proposal due by August 15; Send to the gradudate coordinator (GC) and copy faculty advisor	Submit new reports to earn "pass" grade
	Spring	2-3 Elective (field) courses	ECON 700; ECON 598; ECON 594 (One Section)		Pass for ECON 594 & 598		Submit new reports to earn "pass" grade
	Summer	N//A	ECON 800 (Thesis Credit Hours)		"S" grade for ECON 800		No remediation; placed upon probation; dismissed from program if accumulate two "U"
3	Fall	take more elective courses (if needed)	ECON 700; ECON 599; ECON 593 (One Section); ECON 800	Present 3rd-yr paper at a dept conference; submit the 3rd year paper	"S" grade for ECON 800	Present 3rd-yr paper at dept conference in Spring Semester (date TBA); submit slides to GC at least a week before conference; send the final draft of 3yr paper to GC by August 1	same as above
	Spring	take more elective courses (if needed)	ECON 700; ECON 599; ECON 594 (One Section); ECON 800		"S" grade for ECON 800		same as above
	Summer	ECON 595 (Academic Writing & Communication)	ECON 800		"S" grade for ECON 800		same as above
4	Fall	N//A	ECON 700; ECON 596; ECON 800	Form dissertation committee; Submit and defend dissertation proposal	"S" grade for ECON 800	Form Dissertation committee and prepare dissertation prospectus by Dec 15	same as above
	Spring	N//A	ECON 700; ECON 596; ECON 800		"S" grade for ECON 800	Defend dissertation proposal by May 15 (the defense has to be open for public attendance; the date has to be announced at least a month in advance; submit slides to GC at least a week before the defense); submit petition for Ph.D. candidacy to dept chair by May 15*;	same as above
	Summer	N//A	ECON 800		"S" grade for ECON 800	Submit ECON 800 research progress report by August 7 (send to GC and copy faculty advisor)	same as above
5+	Fall	N//A	ECON 700, ECON 596, ECON 800	Dissertation work	"S" grade for ECON 800	submit ECON 800 research progress report by Dec 15 (send to GC and copy faculty advisor);	same as above
	Spring	N//A	ECON 700, ECON 596, ECON 800		"S" grade for ECON 800	For graduation in 6+ years, submit ECON 800 research progress report by May 15 (send to GC and copy faculty advisor)	same as above

University and department rules governing thesis defense

1. Oral examinations for the doctoral degree (a.k.a. thesis defense) must be registered and publicly announced at least 14 days in advance;
2. Dissertation has to be sent to all members of the thesis committee at least one month before the scheduled defense;
3. Following instructions (including deadlines for thesis submission) at: https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-doctoral-degrees/#text

Further Notes

1. Summer beyond 5th yr may need ECON 800 enrollment to maintain visa status (if not already graduated);
2. University rules for academic probation and dismissal: https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/#text
2. When in doubt, consult grad school policies at: https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-doctoral-degrees/#text;