

## **Satisfactory Progress**

The graduate program in economics is structured so that students should be able to complete an M.A. degree in one and a half to two years and a Ph.D. degree in four to five years. The criteria spelled out below provide guidelines for what is considered to be making satisfactory progress as a graduate student in the programs.

### **All Students**

- Maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better.

### **First-year Students**

- Satisfactory completion of ECON 590, ECON 591, ECON 660, ECON 661, ECON 690 and ECON 690A by the end of the second semester. If a grade lower than B is obtained in ECON 660 or ECON 661, then passing the appropriate M.A. comprehensive examination will also maintain satisfactory progress.

### **Second-Year Students**

- For M.A. students, completing all required course work and the master's research requirement.
- For Ph.D. students, satisfactory performance in ECON 760 and ECON 761, and passing the Ph.D. micro and macro candidacy examinations.
- For Ph.D. students, completion of ECON 648.

### **Third-year Students**

- Completion of most field courses.
- Enrollment in ECON 796, Ph.D. Research Seminar in Economics to complete the Ph.D. Research Paper and begin dissertation research.

### **Fourth-year Students**

- Satisfactory completion of Ph.D. Research Paper and presentation in ECON 798.
- Completion of Dissertation proposal and enrollment in ECON 799.
- Meeting whatever timetable for submission of dissertation drafts and revisions that is required by your dissertation director.
- Completion and successful defense of dissertation.

### **Fifth-year Students**

- Meeting whatever timetable for submission of dissertation drafts and revisions that is required by your dissertation director.
- Completion and successful defense of dissertation.