

### Suggested Timeline for MACJ students at main campus

	<b>Thesis track</b>	<b>Policy project track</b>
Fall1	<p><u>By Thanksgiving break,</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meet with at least two potential faculty advisors.</li> <li>2. Decide on thesis v. policy analysis project.</li> </ol>	<p><u>By Thanksgiving break,</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meet with at least two potential faculty advisors.</li> <li>2. Decide on thesis v. policy analysis project.</li> </ol>
Spring1	<p><u>By Spring Break,</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Decide on thesis topic and form your committee. The committee consists of one major professor and at least two committee members.</li> <li>2. Complete the official form that lists topic and committee members.</li> <li>3. Meet with committee to discuss preliminary project design. Determine if IRB required.</li> </ol>	<p><u>By Spring Break,</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Decide on policy topic and form your committee. The committee consists of one major professor and at least two committee members.</li> <li>2. Complete the official form that lists topic and committee members.</li> </ol>
Summer1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work on literature review.</li> <li>2. Submit IRB protocol (if necessary).</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gather information about policy.</li> <li>2. Reading and writing.</li> </ol>
Fall2	<p><u>By Oct. 15,</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete thesis prospectus defense.</li> <li>2. Finalize data collection and begin data analysis.</li> <li>3. Continue reading and writing.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue reading and writing.</li> </ol>
Spring2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finish data analysis, results, and conclusions.</li> <li>2. Prepare PowerPoint presentation slides.</li> <li>3. Complete thesis defense by mid-April deadline. The exact deadline is set by the university.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finish writing paper.</li> <li>2. Prepare PowerPoint presentation slides.</li> <li>3. Complete policy presentation by mid-April deadline. The exact deadline is set by the university.</li> </ol>