Ph.D. Program Progress Chart, Department of Economics, National Taiwan University

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The following is based on the Department's "Regulations for the Qualification Examination of Ph.D. Candidates, Department of Economics, College of Social Sciences, National Taiwan University".

(I) Progress Chart

Timeline	Regular Students	In-service Students
Years 1 – 2	1. Take required and elective courses. 2. Pass the qualifying examinations.	1. Take required and elective courses. 2. Pass the qualifying examinations.
Year 3	1. Take elective courses. 2. Serve as a teaching assistant (TA) for a required graduate course. 3. Determine research field and select an advisor. 4. Complete the field paper.	
Year 4		1. Take elective courses. 2. Serve as a teaching assistant (TA) for a required graduate course. 3. Determine research field and select an advisor.
Year 5	1. Confirm that all Ph.D. graduation requirements have been met. 2. Complete the dissertation and pass the oral defense.	1. Take elective courses. 2. Complete the field paper.
Years 6 – 7		1. Confirm that all Ph.D. graduation requirements have been met. 2. Complete the dissertation and pass the oral defense.

(II) Deadlines for Completing Each Requirement

No.	Requirement	Regular Students	In-service Students	If Not Completed	Notes
1	**Microeconomic Theory qualifying exams (Micro I and Micro II)**	Within 24 months (including leave of absence)	Within 36 months (including leave of absence)	Dismissal	Students who have not yet completed the required courses may still sit the qualifying exams.
2	**Macroeconomic Theory qualifying exam (Macro I)**	Within 24 months (including leave of absence)	Within 36 months (including leave of absence)	Dismissal	Students who have not yet completed the required courses may still sit the qualifying exams.
3	**Required course grade requirement** Average of at least A- in Econometric Theory IA and	Within 2 years	Within 4 years	Dismissal	

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	IB; and average of at least A- in IIA and IIB.				
4	**Field course grade requirement** Choose any one course in the "Macroeconomics and Money" field in the Department's field classification table and earn a grade of A- or higher.	Within 2 years	Within 4 years	Dismissal	For the Department's field classification table, see the Department website: https://econ.ntu.edu.tw/archives/6836#01
5	**Pass the oral review of the field paper proposal**	Within 3 years	Within 4 years	Dismissal	
6	**Complete the field paper.** Receive a passing written evaluation from three faculty members (70 or above, or B- or above), submit an electronic copy of the field paper, and present it at the Department seminar.	Within 4 years	Within 5 years	Dismissal	
7	**Complete the core required courses other than Econometric Theory I and II: Introduction to Quantitative Methods (2 credits), Microeconomics IAB (4 credits), Microeconomics IIAB (4 credits), Macroeconomics IAB (4 credits), and Seminar in Methodology of Economics (2 credits).**	Within 7 years	Within 7 years	Dismissal	Econometric Theory I and II are covered under No. 3: regular students must earn A- or higher within 2 years, and In-service Students within 4 years.
8	**Complete two elective fields, with at least 8 credits in each field.**	Within 7 years	Within 7 years	Dismissal	1. For the Department's field classification table, see the Department website: https://econ.ntu.edu.tw/archives/6836#01 2. A single course cannot be counted toward more than one field.
9	**Attend the required Thursday-afternoon "seminar" course for at least 8 semesters**	Within 7 years	Within 7 years	Dismissal	In-service Students may substitute the seminar course of the Department's In-Service Master's Program, for up to 4 semesters.

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10	Serve as a TA for a required graduate course for 2 semesters	Within 7 years	Within 7 years	Dismissal	With the approval of the Department's Graduate Affairs Committee, In-service Students may substitute TA service for an undergraduate lab/practicum course or an In-Service Master's Program practicum course in the Department.
11	English proficiency requirement TOEFL iBT score of 79 or above, or pass the University's "Online English for Graduate Students" course.	Within 7 years	Within 7 years	Dismissal	
12	Present the dissertation in the Department's required Thursday-afternoon "seminar" course.	Within 7 years	Within 7 years	Dismissal	
13	Pass the degree examination (dissertation oral defense)	Within 7 years	Within 7 years	Dismissal	
14	Graduate within 7 years	Within 7 years	Within 7 years	Dismissal	