## Suggested Timeline for MACJ students at main campus

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| **Fall1**      | By Thanksgiving break,  
1. Meet with at least two potential faculty advisors.  
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| **Spring1**    | By Spring Break,  
1. Decide on thesis topic and form your committee. The committee consists of one major professor and at least two committee members.  
2. Complete the official form that lists topic and committee members.  
3. Meet with committee to discuss preliminary project design. Determine if IRB required. | By Spring Break,  
1. Decide on policy topic and form your committee. The committee consists of one major professor and at least two committee members.  
2. Complete the official form that lists topic and committee members. |
| **Summer1**    | 1. Work on literature review.  
2. Reading and writing. |
| **Fall2**      | By Oct. 15,  
2. Finalize data collection and begin data analysis.  
3. Continue reading and writing. | 1. Continue reading and writing. |
| **Spring2**    | 1. Finish data analysis, results, and conclusions.  
2. Prepare PowerPoint presentation slides.  
3. Complete thesis defense by mid-April deadline. The exact deadline is set by the university. | 1. Finish writing paper.  
2. Prepare PowerPoint presentation slides.  
3. Complete policy presentation by mid-April deadline. The exact deadline is set by the university. |