TIMELINE FOR DUKE PH.D. ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS TRACK

Summer 0
- Study chapters 1-15 in Simon and Blume’s *Mathematics for Economists* before arrival.
- Enroll in Mathematics for Economists (“Math Camp”) in August.
- Attend the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) fall orientation.
- Meet with advisor to discuss Year 1 courses.

Year 1
- Take core courses in Microeconomics and Econometrics. Pass Microeconomic Analysis I and II with at least a B+, or take and pass the qualifying exam for that course in the summer after the first year.
- Enroll in two additional courses to bring the total number of first year course credits to 18.
- Enroll in a first year research workshop in the first semester (1 credit).
- Recommended: engage in teaching as a teaching assistant.
- If required, enroll in English proficiency courses required by the Graduate School for certain international students.

Summer 1
- Take and pass the Microeconomics qualifying exams if grade(s) are lower than B+.
- Recommended: engage in research as a research assistant.
- Recommended: enroll in one of the following courses offered in the Economics Department (late May through mid-July): Real Analysis for Economists or Vocational Skills for Empiricists.

Year 2
- Take at least 9 graded credits each semester.
- Choose a course plan that leads to a well-defined second field.
- Pass core courses in environmental economics and natural resource economics. Students must have a 3.0 GPA across all 6 core courses (Micro I and II, Metrics I and II, environmental economics, and resource economics).
- Enroll in the social science research workshop (ENV 391). Alternative research workshops can be substituted with permission of your committee.
- Recommended: engage in teaching as a teaching assistant.

Summer 2
- Pass the field exam in environmental and resource economics.
- Begin to form research agenda.
- Recommended: engage in research as a research assistant.

Year 3
- Wrap up course work recommended by your committee that has not yet been completed.
• Form a supervisory committee by the end of the fall semester.
• Recommended: enroll in ENV 391 or similar workshop in the spring semester.
• Pass the prelim exam (prospectus defense) by the end of the spring semester (and at least two months after forming the supervisory committee).
• Recommended: engage in research as a research assistant.

Summer 3
• Work on dissertation.
• Recommended: Attend at least one national/international conference or workshop. Present a paper or a poster if far enough along on research.
• Recommended: engage in research as a research assistant.

Years 4-5
• Work on dissertation.
• Schedule practice presentations of your research with environmental economics faculty and students.
• Recommended: enroll in ENV 391 or similar workshop in spring semesters.
• Present a paper at a national/international conference or workshop.
• See document “Advice for the Job Market”
• Finish job market paper by the end of September in year 4 or 5.
• Go on the job market.
• Complete dissertation.