UC Merced Sociology PhD Track Summary and Example Course Plan

Requirements:
1 theory class
2 statistics classes plus one additional advanced methods class (which might include Qualitative Methods, Event History Analysis, Survey Research Design, etc.)
1 Research Methods class
1 Writing/Publishing class
6 Substantive courses or sets of reading hours
Professionalization Seminar
(Teaching Seminar)

Semester 1 (3 classes)
Theory
UG Stats (if needed) or other course
Substantive course
Pro-Sem (1 unit)

Semester 2 (3 classes)
Research Methods – goal: M.A. proposal
Substantive course
Stats 1 (OLS regression)
Pro-Sem

Summer after Year 1: Research for 2nd year paper

Semester 3 (3 classes)
Writing/Publishing course
Statistics 2 (categorical dep var models)
Substantive course

Semester 4 (3 classes)
Substantive course
Substantive course
Additional methods course (in or out of SOC)
Defend 2nd year paper by end of year 2

Summer after Year 2: Prepare for comprehensive exams

Semester 5 (2-3 classes)
Substantive course
Additional methods or substantive course

Year 4: Dissertation Research.