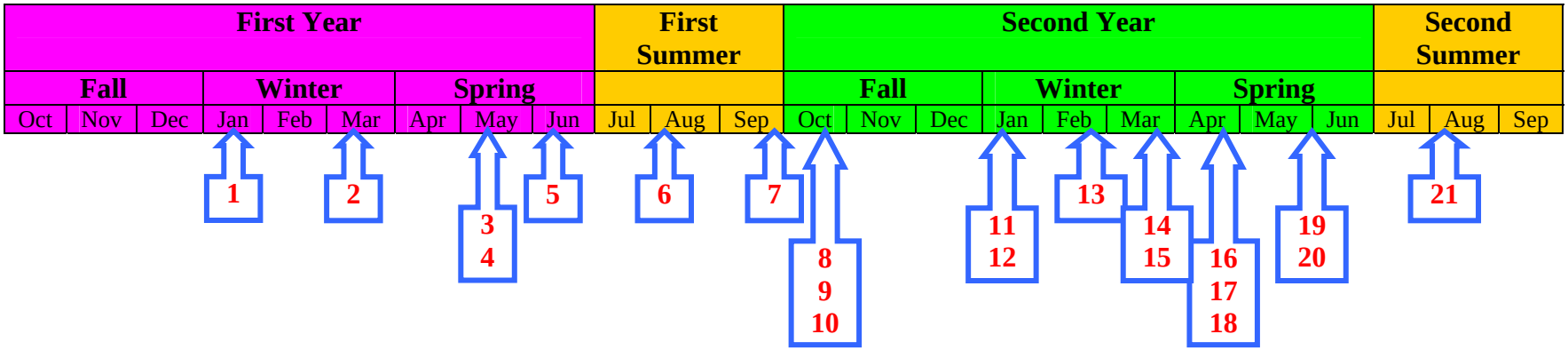
Master's Program and Thesis Timeline



1. Begin extensive literature search through Independent study to develop your thesis research question
2. Construct initial Intro and Methods Section
3. Submit draft to advisor for review
4. Select thesis committee
5. Incorporate advisor suggestions and initial input from committee members
6. During summer following first year, construct a second draft and provide committee with thesis draft
7. Propose Thesis by end of September
8. Finish incorporating committee suggestions
9. Submit IRB
10. Start IRB Binder
11. IRB approval
12. Start to run study
13. Apply for graduation, if you have completed according to the timeline
14. Run analyses
15. Finish writing Results & Discussion sections
16. Submit draft to advisor for review
17. Incorporate advisor suggestions
18. Provide committee with copy of completed thesis
19. Defend Thesis and allow at least two weeks for required changes before university deadline for thesis
20. Ensure that program director and program coordinator know you have successfully defended
21. If you have hit a delay or roadblock complete defense in time for August diploma