Sample timeline for terminal MA

Coursework and teaching:
NB: Candidates must complete both Classics 502 and 510. They are also expected to enroll in the Greek and Latin graduate (500-level) seminars on offer each semester, but possible variations suitable to individual students will be discussed with the DGS during each enrollment period.

	Fall 1st year	Spring 1st year	Fall 2nd year	Spring 2nd year
MA without thesis 36 credits total	9 credits (Classics 502 or 510 + Greek seminar + Latin seminar); serve as IA	9 credits (Greek seminar + Latin seminar + Classics seminar); serve as IA	9 credits (Classics 502 or 510 + Greek seminar + Latin seminar); serve as IA	9 credits (two seminars + Independent Study to prepare for Reading List exam); serve as IA
MA with thesis 36 credits total	same as above	same as above	12 credits (Classics 502 or 510 + Research to begin thesis + two seminars); serve as IA	6 credits (Research to complete thesis + Independent Study to prepare for Reading List exam); serve as IA

Exams:
Sight exams in Greek and Latin are administered at the beginning of the first year in the program. In some cases, a second round may be given at the end of the first year to assess progress.

MA candidates are offered three opportunities per calendar year to sign up for Reading List and/or modern language exams: typically November, March or April, and June or July. Advance planning and preparation are critical. Candidates will be asked to sign up for a sitting about two months in advance and exact times will then be set by the Director of Graduate Studies. Failed exams may be retaken at a future sitting opportunity.

Graduation:
Most MA candidates choose a May or August degree. For the May degree, all degree requirements (including coursework, exams, and, if applicable, thesis revision) must be completed by the very end of April (date set by the Graduate School). Candidates will be asked to file an Intent to Graduate form in advance of their anticipated degree date (this form is not binding, and graduation may later be deferred if requirements have not been completed).